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₹62,500 CR ACCUMULATED IN EPF ACCOUNTS OF 1.23L HNIs

Of the 1.23 lakh high-networth individuals in the Employees Provident Fund, one person has ₹103 crore in his account

TAX AIMED AT HIGH-INTEREST EARNERS

Budget had removed tax exemption to interest accrued on investments in PF exceeding ₹2.50 lakh per annum. Of the total 4.5 crore contributors to the EPF, 1.23 lakh contribute huge sums every month. "Govt is paying 8% interest with tax exemption to such people at the cost of low-income taxpayers," said an official justifying the Budget proposal on EPF tax

₹50 LAKH TAX FREE INTEREST PER ANNUM

- Sources said that while one person has ₹103 crore in his account, two others have more than ₹86 crore each in their accounts
- The top-20 HNIs have about ₹825 crore each, while top-100 HNI contributors have more than ₹2,000 crore
- HNIs are estimated to earn ₹50L per annum as tax-free interest

₹5.92 crore

AVERAGE EPF CORPUS OF A HIGH-NETWORTH INDIVIDUAL

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

An IAF Sukhoi SU-30MKI wows the crowd with its aerobatics at Aero India 2021 in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

State may tweak aerospace policy to beat competition

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TO maintain its leadership position in defence and aerospace sectors in the country, the Karnataka Government is said to be thinking of tweaking its aerospace policy that was announced nearly a decade ago.

With Karnataka contributing to over 65 per cent of defence and aerospace exports from the country, the state is aiming to sharpen its policy to maintain its edge, especially when the Central Government is focusing on domestic production under the Aatmanirbhar scheme. The change in policy is to beat competition from Defence Industrial Corridors announced recently in other parts of the country. Changes will be made in the policy in consultation with industry experts, a senior officer from the Industries Department told *TNIE*.

"There is a thinking in the government to change the policy. The details are, however, yet to be worked out," sources said, adding that the defence and aerospace manufacturing ecosystem in Karnataka has been developed over several decades and the state should have been considered by the Centre while announcing the Defence Industrial Corridors.

Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce and Industries, said that Karnataka was the first state in the country to announce the aerospace policy and the new industrial policy announced recently also has given importance to the sector.

Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner of Industries and Commerce, said that with two international and six domestic airports, Karnataka is well connected to key demand centres and logistic gateways. Research and Development, Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul and Space Exploration are among the key opportunities in the sector in the state, he added.

At a seminar on "Aerospace and Defence Opportunities in Karnataka" at the ongoing Aero India 2021, Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar said that the State Government has taken a number of policy decisions to ensure ease of doing business by providing necessary support to industries.

The new industrial policy has focused on attracting investments to Tier-II and Tier-III cities. "Bengaluru is among the most-preferred destinations for investors from across the world. But we want to take industries to other cities that have excellent air and road connectivity," Shettar said.

Signature Park near KIA

The State Government is developing a Signature Park in a 400-acre land adjacent to the Kempegowda International Airport, Industries Department source said. P4

Deep-penetration system, drones to roll out of HAL

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has set 2024-25 as the deadline to develop its unique Combat Air Teaming System (CATS), a deep penetration attack platform that enables a fighter pilot to remain safely within the country's borders, while being able to deploy missiles or drones deep into enemy territory to destroy targets. The defence public sector undertaking is also testing Rotary Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (RUAVs) which would deliver rations and supplies to soldiers at high altitude border posts. Plans are also on to develop an unmanned flying system that can fly at about 70,000 feet continuously for two-three months, to maintain surveillance on the ground below. P4

MoU SIGNED TO MAKE COMPOSITES

HAL on Thursday signed an MoU with Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI) at Aero India 2021 for development and production of composite raw materials. Composite raw materials, mainly Prepregs, used in platforms like LCA, ALH, LCH and LUH, are currently imported. It also signed a contract with GE Aviation to supply ring forgings for its engine programmes. P4

Committed to empowerment of kisans, says Modi in fresh outreach

₹40,000 crore outlay in Budget to develop rural infra will benefit farmers, assures PM

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

CONTINUING his efforts to pacify the agitating farmers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said his government was committed to their empowerment and self-reliance. He was inaugurating the centenary of the Chauri Chaura incident in Uttar Pradesh, where violence shook the British Raj during the freedom struggle.

Releasing a postal stamp to mark the occasion, the PM said that over 1,000 mandis were being connected with the online agriculture trading platform e-NAM. "The mandis will be turned into markets of profit for farmers to sell their produce with ease," he said.

Modi listed several measures taken by the Centre towards making farmers self-dependent in the last six years. He said even during the Covid pandemic, the country's food grain production has soared.

IT'S NOW A LEDGER ACCOUNT

"The Budget this time has virtually turned into an account book (*bahi-khata*) of income & expenditure," Modi said

He called upon people to unite in the spirit of the freedom struggle to make the growth missions, including Aatmanirbhar Bharat Mission, a success. The PM said the Centre was making all efforts to help farmers become *atmanirbhar* (self-reliant) and had allocated ₹40,000 crore for the development of rural infrastructure in the Budget.

"Farmers will directly benefit from investment in the infrastructure sector. Agriculture will turn into a profitable venture for farmers," he asserted.

The Prime Minister added that the efforts of the UP government had resulted in changing the scenario in the Gorakhpur region. "Earlier, factories were closed, roads were damaged and hospitals shut. Now, a fertiliser factory has come up, which will benefit farmers and generate jobs."

Elaborating on the Budget, the PM said experts were earlier apprehensive about the possible introduction of new taxes owing to the pandemic and the subsequent economic crisis. "Experts were thinking that the Budget would burden the common man with new taxes. But the Centre ensured that the people are not saddled with additional burden," Modi said.

The Chauri Chaura incident is significant in India's Independence movement. On February 4, 1922, supporters of the Non-Cooperation Movement clashed with the colonial police, who opened fire. In retaliation, the demonstrators torched the Chauri Chaura police post in Gorakhpur, in which 23 personnel were burnt alive. P10

FIR AGAINST PROTEST TOOLKIT

The Delhi Police lodged a first information report against unnamed authors of a toolkit that offered suggestions on rustling up international support for the ongoing farmers' protests. The toolkit has been doing the rounds on social media and was tweeted by, among others, Swedish teen climate change activist Greta Thunberg. She then deleted and later reposted an updated version of the toolkit. Praveer Ranjan, Special Commissioner of Police, said, "We haven't named anybody in the FIR, it's only against the creators of toolkit which is a matter of investigation." Preliminary inquiry

has revealed that the toolkit was created by the Poetic Justice Foundation, a pro-Khalistani outfit. However, legal experts were appalled by the FIR. Senior advocate K V Dhananjay said, "Everybody in the world is competent to tweet about human rights abuse anywhere in the world. It is shameful that the Delhi Police is making our police force, judiciary and the legal profession become a laughing stock the world over."

Security men crossing the iron nails put up at the farmers' protest site at Tikri border in New Delhi on Thursday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Farm laws good, but not crackdown, says US

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@ New Delhi

REACTING for the first time to the ongoing farmers' protests in Delhi, the US on Thursday said the new farm laws could improve market efficiency. It, however, frowned upon the Narendra Modi government's crackdown on protesters by snapping internet connectivity at protest sites. "Unhindered access to information, including the internet, is fundamental to the freedom of expression and a hallmark of a thriving democracy," the US State Department said.

Urging India to resolve the deadlock through dialogue, it said "peaceful protests" are hallmarks of a democracy.

In response, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said temporary measures with regard to internet access in certain parts of the NCR region were taken to prevent escalation of the violence.

"As you can see, the US State Department has acknowledged steps being taken by India towards agricultural reforms," he said.

"The incidents of violence and vandalism at the historic Red Fort on the January 26 have evoked similar sentiments and reactions in India as did the incidents on the Capitol Hill on the January 6 and are being addressed as per respective local laws," he added.

The remarks from the US administration come a day after India hit out at celebrities like pop star Rihanna and environment activist Greta Thunberg for allegedly spreading inaccuracies about the strike.

SIKHS FOR JUSTICE

India has issued a legal request to the US regarding Sikhs for Justice, against whom the NIA has filed a case for planning large-scale disruptive activities in India

STATE TILLERS TO JOIN STIR

A delegation of farmers from the state, led by president of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene Kodihalli Chandrashekhar, arrived at the Ghazipur border on Thursday. Chandrashekhar, who met BKU leader Rakesh Tikait, assured full support for the protest against the farm bills. He added that around 4,000 farmers from Karnataka will join the protests at New Delhi's borders post February 6. P7

Prez to attend Aero India finale today

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PRESIDENT Ram Nath Kovind arrived at HAL Airport on Thursday evening and was received by CM B S Yediyurappa and Governor Vajubhai Vala, and was driven to the Raj Bhavan.

On Friday, he will participate in the valedictory of Aero India. On Saturday, he will chopper to Madikeri where he will inaugurate Sunny Side, a museum dedicated to General (late) Kodandera S Thimaiyya. He will visit Bhagamandala and Talacauvery, where the public entry has been banned from Friday. As only Doordarshan and All India Radio are allowed to cover Kovind's visit, representatives from other media groups said the visit could get lesser eyeballs.

Camaraderie of team based on trust. All of us working towards one goal, that is to see India win.
Virat Kohli, India captain

Will try and play the ball that is delivered. If I stay around for a period of time, I will score some big runs.
Joe Root, England captain

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

International cricket comes back to India on Friday after more than a year. Here's a brief look at the first Test between India and England

MATCH-UPS

Return of Kohli

After a paternity break, the Indian skipper returns to the helm of affairs. In a way, it's the start of a big year for him having not scored a single century in any form last year. A good beginning at Chepauk will put him in good stead for bigger challenges

Root vs India's spinners

The England skipper is their best player of spin and how he plays them will set the tempo. If he flounders, the match could quickly become one-sided. But he's in good form, having scored more than 400 runs in the two Tests against Sri Lanka in January | P15

1999 The last time India lost a Test at Chepauk (vs Pakistan). They are unbeaten in eight matches since at Chennai

759/7 The 759 India made against England in 2016 is their highest in Test history. It was the last Test in Chennai

'INVOLVE PRIVATE SECTOR IN VACCINATION DRIVE'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE government should rope in the private sector for Covid vaccine distribution, according to India's top industrialists.

Talking to *TNIE* Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla on Thursday, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) president Uday Kotak said he has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this. TVS group chairman Venu Srinivasan, CII director-general Chandrajit Banerjee, and Bajaj Finserv MD Sanjiv Bajaj also sat down with Chawla as part of TNIE's Expressions, a series of live web casts with people who matter.

"At CII, we have constituted a task force and we are closely interacting with the government on the need of the involvement of corporates in the process. We have to expedite the vaccination. During my interaction with Serum Institute, I learnt that although we are supplying vaccines fast, they are keen on distributing faster," Kotak said.

Banerjee said vaccinating industrial workers should also be a priority of the government.

While terming FM Nirmala Sitharaman's budget bold and transparent, the industrialists said big capex and higher allocations towards infrastructure and health sectors will provide the much-needed boost to the ailing economy.

Srinavasan said fiscal deficit should not be a matter of concern and the objective should be long-term growth.

"For years, we have been crying hoarse over increasing investments in infrastructure and this certainly is a phenomenal aspect of the Budget. There are some sectors deeply impacted like hospitality, tourism and aviation. We are expecting some measures in these areas. Infrastructure investments bring long-term returns. One has to remember, we are not a working-capital economy. We need infrastructure development," Srinavasan said.

Bajaj said a growth-oriented policy will help the financial services sector achieve strong double-digit growth. P13

TAKEAWAYS FROM THE GENERAL BUDGET

S Gurumurthy writes on need to expand the Development Finance Institution for infrastructure financing and the off-Budget dangers | P9

EXPRESS READ

Advocate splashes ink at writer Bhagawan

Bengaluru: Rationalist and writer K S Bhagawan on Thursday was attacked with black ink by an advocate, Meera Raghavendra, on the premises of the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court in Bengaluru. P5

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ALMANAC TODAY
Friday: 05/02/2021 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Uttharayana
Ritu: Himantha • Masa: Pausha • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Ashtami 11.23 am
Nakshatra: Vishaka 7.46 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Gulikakala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am Yamaganda: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 15°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 6.45 am
Sunset 6.22 pm
Moonrise 12.34 am
Moonset 12.29 pm

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Speech and hearing impaired students of the Technical Training Centre for Deaf

Exams begin, no hall ticket for 43 disabled students

Many hurdles: Teacher fled with fee money, no lecturer in college

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THE future of 43 speech and hearing impaired students of the Technical Training Centre for Deaf (TTCD), hangs in balance as they are yet to receive their hall tickets for the second-year exam, scheduled from Friday. The students told *TNIE* that they have been out of the education system since March 2020, and reopening of colleges has not extended to them in actuality.

There is a lot stacked against the students, who are trying to make sense of why they have been abandoned by the system. They spoke to TNIE through a sign interpreter, and said they have been unable to grasp conversations about their examination, for want of an interpreter.

In August, they were asked to pay the fee for the second-year examination scheduled in November, however, they did not receive their hall tickets and held a protest on November 29. Parents who approached the college administration were told that the teacher who had collected the fee (Rs 350 per student), had absconded with the money.

The students were also told that their pass certificates for the first year were missing. These students were shifted out of their institute to Ghousia Industrial & Engineering Trust in 2019, because of the Shivajinagar Metro construction work. Until the end of January, the students visited college but there was no lecturer to teach them, they said.

The larger problem is for the repeaters, who have not enrolled for the examination on the government website, said a source close to the students. Even if they write their second-year exam, they still have to clear their pending exams before they can graduate, and the dates are not confirmed yet. Neither is there any clarity from the department, and their prospects appear bleak, said another source.

Their only source of help is local citizens, who got together for four days and took it on themselves to coach the students. One of them is 81-year-old retired engineer Balasubramaiah, who said the students were blank when he began coaching them, after a long break from studies. Even model papers were difficult to come by. Students themselves are unsure how well they can perform in the examination.

Balakrishna, TTCD assistant director, said that after writing to the Centre, arrangements were made for fresh candidates to write the examination, while repeaters are yet to pay their fees to register. However, there are demands to let the repeaters write the examination, which are held across the country.

Suburban Rail to get at least ₹300 crore

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THE budgetary grant of Rs 3,245 crore announced for the South Western Railway (SWR) Zone in the Union Budget marks the highest ever allocation for any financial year since its inception. There was cheer in store for Bengalureans as the dedicated 148.17-km Suburban Railway Project is set to get at least Rs 300 crore — funds earmarked for joint venture projects under the Northern Railway Zone.

Briefing newspersons on the budget via virtual mode from Hubballi, E Vijaya, Deputy General Manager and Chief Public Relations Officer, SWR, said, "This is our highest allocation since the Zone was formed in 2003. With a Rs 536 crore increase over last year, it marks a 20% increase. Along with the Rs 1,223 crore expected as deposit from Government of Karnataka towards new lines and Road Over Bridges/Road Under Bridges, the total budget grant will touch Rs 4,468 crore, an overall increase by 12%."

Despite the nil allocation for the much-awaited Suburban project in the Pink Book, top officials were optimistic the amount would be allocated under some other section. Setting to rest doubts over the Rs 15,767-crore Suburban project being ignored in the budget, Vijaya said, "The Suburban Rail project does not find a place in the Pink Book of the SWR. It is no longer our project as it is being executed by Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprises (K-RIDE), a joint venture of the Ministry of Railways and Karnataka government. Under Pink book of Northern Railway, a budgetary grant of Rs 800 crore has been set aside for equity infusion into Joint Ventures (JVs) with State governments."

BIG BOOST

Doubling projects have received a big thrust with 178% increase in allocation. The two ongoing doubling projects • Yelahanka-Penukonda and • Arsikere-Tumukuru — will be completed by March 2022.

There are two JVs presently being executed, one in Haryana for around Rs 5,000 crore, and the Suburban project in Karnataka for over Rs 15,000 crore. "Bengaluru Suburban will get a minimum of Rs 300 crore allotted by the Ministry of Railways," she explained. This was the sum K-RIDE had requested for during the first year, an official said.

She said Mysuru-Chennai High Speed Rail Corridor is on track with tenders being called for recently. "The Detailed Project Report is yet to be readied," she said. No new lines have been announced and the focus is on completing existing projects, she added.

"A sum of Rs 35 crore has been earmarked for road safety works (level crossings), an increase of 67% over the previous year, while passenger amenities have got a 25% increased allocation compared to last year."

The Third Coaching Terminal at Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal in which some finishing works are being done, will be ready by February-end.

EXPRESS READ

Emergency water shutdown today

Bengaluru: Water supply in parts of North and West Bengaluru will be severely disrupted on Friday. The areas are: RR Nagar, Nandini Layout, Rajajinagar, Nagarabhavi, Yelahanka, Byatarayanapura, Dasarahalli, Chandra Layout, Kengeri, Banaswadi and entire North Division, Anjanapura and surrounding areas, Jambu Savaari Dinne, Kothnur Dinne, Kodichikkanahalli, Bommanahalli, Kudlu, Hongasandra, Mangam-manapalya, Marathahalli, Hoodi, A Narayanapura, B Narayanapura, KR Puram, Ramamurthy Nagar, Whitefield, CV Ramannagar, Old Airport Road, HRBR Layout, HBR Layout, OMBR Layout and Ramaiah Layout. **ENS**

NO FUNDS YET, SAHITYA SAMMELANA MAY NOT BE HELD AS PER SCHEDULE

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@Haveri

THE Kannada Sahitya Sammelana may be postponed as the state government is yet to release funds for the mega literary event, and the Kannada Sahitya Parishat, which organises the annual event, is still waiting for the government to take a decision.

The 86th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana is to be held from February 26 to 28 at Haveri. The Parishat and district administration have already done the groundwork, like finalising the venue, detailed list of proposed events, accommodation for VIPs and guests, and more. At a recent meeting in Bengaluru, the Parishat announced **Prof Doddarange Gowda** as president of the meet.

An administrative officer from the district told TNIE that only around 20 days are left for the meet, but the state government has not released funds yet. The meet may be put off "at least" by a couple of weeks, he added.

During the event, one lakh people are expected each day, and the organisers will also have to host over 15,000 guests. "The even may be pushed to March or even April," said an organiser from Haveri.

Parishat president Manu Baligar said that District Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is also head of the reception committee, has assured them of funds, but they are still waiting for it.

"We are waiting for Covid norms to be relaxed for the event. If the government gives the green signal and releases funds, we will conduct the meet as per the original schedule," he added.

NEW ATTRACTION

Tales trees tell: Take heritage walk in Cubbon Park tomorrow

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DID you know there are heritage trees in the heart of the city and are well protected? Do you know who planted them and how many there are? Answers to some such questions and more will be known at the heritage tree walk at Cubbon Park on Saturday.

The Horticulture Department and Heritage Beku have partnered for the first time to organise the heritage walk in Cubbon Park -- titled Memories with Giant Trees, Come Walk with us, Meet the Silent Giants.

Kavya Chandra, founder of Green Ventures and curator of the walk, said it will start on February 6 and the aim is to hold one such walk every month. Not many who visit Cubbon Park know that most of the trees are of heritage value and the history behind them. There are 7,000-8,000 trees at Cubbon Park and of these, around 150 are heritage. Some are in places lesser known and some in most-frequented places.

"The idea of the walk is to make people aware of these trees, the important role they play in the heart of the city and their history. It is also to draw the attention of people as only when they know, will they respect and protect them. The nature walk will combine a walk on the periphery, inside and some essential pockets of Cubbon Park," she said.

The Horticulture Department is at present working on mapping the heritage trees and their details.

Members of Heritage Beku said it was also a part of an exercise to make people aware of the importance of the prime lung space in the heart of the city and the protection it requires, especially with the rising number of vehicles moving inside and around Cubbon Park.

Those interested can register at FB://EVENT/?ID=1023780201480339.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05th February : I was reading about the great Italian artist, Leonardo da Vinci, this morning. Apparently he thought that the Moon was covered in beautiful rivers and lush fields and forests and that, although he couldn't see them close up, the shadows they made were responsible for the shape we know as the 'Man in the Moon'.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Moon's emotional presence in your chart makes you simultaneously more confident and sensitive. The message is that you can be increasingly open about your feelings, while being as sympathetic as you can to others' emotions. It's all a matter of striking the right balance.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Jupiter, planet of optimism, urges you to adopt a creative solution to all current questions. However, for at least the next four weeks, you might do best to keep certain sensitive thoughts to yourself. You'll probably have to make some very finely-balanced judgements.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Now you can begin to involve other people in your plans, but do take it easy. The last thing you should do is insist that everyone does as you say, so it's much better to listen carefully, and then incorporate all good advice into your schemes.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
All ambitious individuals should have a field-day. If you're at work, have one last stab at a professional coup, but don't worry if you don't achieve your aims this time around. There'll be other chances later. Perhaps you can take this opportunity to smarten up your act.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Think about partners before you think about yourself, for this is a fine time to let others take the initiative. You should realise that it may in fact be good for you to do what you're told! In other words, you should probably focus on your responsibilities, not your rights.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The entire situation is still looking slightly uncertain, but that doesn't mean that you're going to lose out. Far from it. You should know by now that if you trust one special partner, they'll come up with the goods in the end. You might have a long wait, though.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Mercury moves erratically through your chart, which means that if partners don't say things just once, they certainly won't say them more than twice. You'd better be on the ball if you want to keep up! After all, you might not get a second chance, even if you ask for one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Extra hard work ahead seems to be the main planetary message. Even if you're determined to take time off, the best pursuits should be those which keep you most active. After all, idle hands seek out mischief, as the old saying goes. Work off all that excess energy!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The number of planets occupying the base of your solar chart makes it clear that, in the last resort, you can only do what you want. However, an inner instinct might suggest that there is something wrong with being 'selfish', and the result could be a missed opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There is still a great deal to be said for coming clean at home and making a complete break with the past. However, all that is required right now is a change of attitude, so you can probably prevaricate over practical changes for another few weeks at least.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Mars' business-like relationship with Saturn creates one of those difficult relationships that favours all good, hard-working individuals and punishes all those who are lazy and incompetent. It's as if the great celestial schoolmaster is waving his stick at you!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You do seem to be in a rather serious mood, but certain fears and worries should be illusory. Turn your attention to business affairs and do whatever you can to get some order into financial matters. Perhaps you should check all overdue paperwork as well.

THE PHANTOM

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Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

8		1						
	5		7	2				1
7				1		2	8	4
	4	2	6		3	7		9
3								8
6		7	1		4	5	2	
9	3	8		6				7
2				5	1		9	
						8		2

EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

5	3	7	6	8	1	2	4	9
1	9	6	2	4	5	8	3	7
2	4	8	7	3	9	6	5	1
3	2	5	9	7	6	4	1	8
4	8	9	1	2	3	5	7	6
7	6	1	4	5	8	9	2	3
6	5	3	8	1	4	7	9	2
9	1	2	5	6	7	3	8	4
8	7	4	3	9	2	1	6	5

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GEMAO
WTAHE
NINOMI
CTILHG

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MINCE STYLE SPIRAL CANOPY
Answer: Making Nov. 11 an official holiday to honor veterans was a great idea — IN MANY RESPECTS

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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 What holds the saddle on a certainty? (3,1,5)
8 Be way out about a point (5)
9 Group of three attempt to go round in it (7)
10 Free with money (6)
11 Understand about the inn being exceptional for eating (6)
12 Take part in a dramatic trial (8)
15 Composer has a part played back for a single man (8)
18 Draws outlines (6)
20 Uncommonly haughty (6)
21 Music room (7)
22 Deserted area is in a bad way (5)
23 Presses on to obtain answers (9)

DOWN

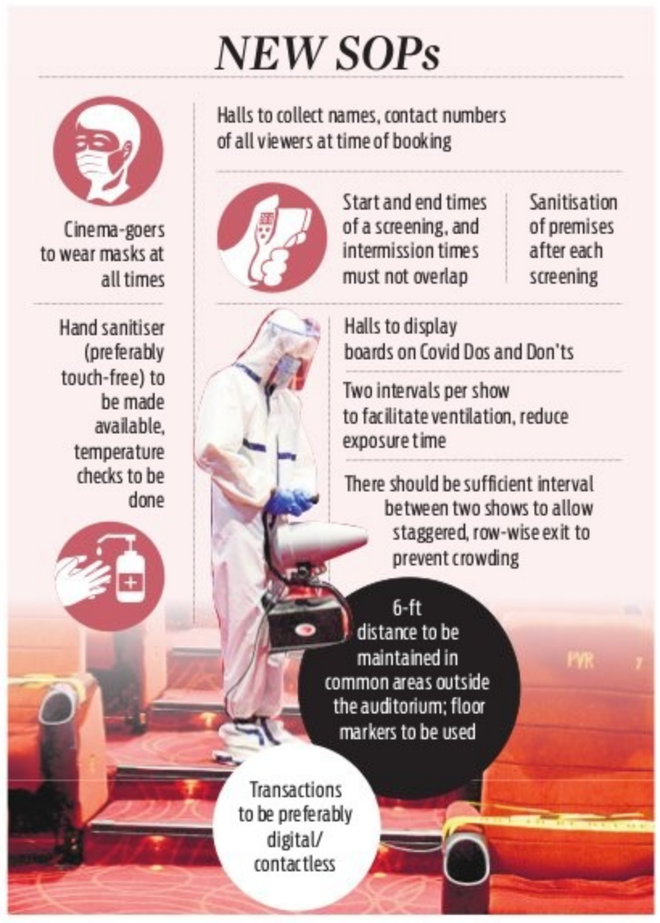
2 Rita's broken bones (5)
3 A loose connection (6)
4 Possibly relating to the whole (8)
5 Teach about oriental goddess of evil (6)
6 Traipse around for some money (7)
7 Frantic steps made when animals panic (9)
11 Certainly not like Thomas (9)
13 Severe trouble encountered in a difficult craft (8)
14 Achieving success with the orchestration (7)
16 Cake made by Claire (6)
17 Opera involving loveless romance (6)
19 Subject those people to the ultimate in abuse (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Defiant, 4 Break, 7 Mary, 8 Bell rope, 10 Disc brakes, 12 Endive, 13 Fibres, 15 Obituaries, 18 Give away, 19 Bill, 20 Dared, 21 Damages.

Down: 1 Domed, 2 Fireside, 3 Trepan, 4 Ballerinas, 5 Eros, 6 Keepers, 9 Above board, 11 Braiding, 12 Engaged, 14 Strand, 16 Sales, 17 Over.

For the first time, the Karnataka government has received a lion's share – Rs 1,350 cr -- in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (Campa) funds this year for forest management.



MOVIES TO HAVE TWO INTERVALS

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A day after allowing cinema halls, theatres, and multiplexes to use their full seating capacity, the state government has introduced a fresh set of standard operating procedures following a meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee.

The new guidelines, which will be reviewed in the first week of March, place an emphasis on physical distancing, frequent sanitisation of premises, and ensuring ventilation. Failure to follow rules will invite action under the Disaster Management Act.

The government's decision to allow cinema halls to use their full seating capacity comes after a delegation from the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce met Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday. Film personalities also took to social media to exert pressure on the government.

Hundreds of Indians stuck in Dubai as Saudi Arabia imposes entry ban

Riyadh bans people from 20 countries after Covid-19 cases surge in the Kingdom

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

HUNDREDS of Indians are stranded in Dubai following Saudi Arabia's temporary ban on the entry of people from 20 foreign countries, including India, in order to contain the surge in Covid-19 cases.

Saudi-bound Indians who had already left their home country and those who were eager to finish their 14-day quarantine in Dubai in order to enter Saudi are now hit by uncertainty.

Indians who had reached Dubai as foreigners bound to Saudi Arabia cannot enter the kingdom unless they undergo a 14-day quarantine in any one of the bordering countries such as UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait.

PA Hameed, an advocate and social worker in Riyadh , said many who completed the 14-day quarantine period in Dubai Wednesday onwards have not able to continue their journey to Saudi owing to the ban. He said a majority of the Indians stranded are blue collar employees who cannot afford an extended stay in Dubai.

"They have already spent a huge amount for 14-day quarantine. Many had flown from India to Dubai with just the money required for the quarantine. Now, they are in deep trouble as they have to shell out a huge amount of money for hotel stay. Dubai is a very expensive place and most of them cannot bear this burden," said Hameed.

He has also written a letter to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar seeking his intervention in order to bail out the Indians from the crisis. The letter says those stranded include families, children and pregnant women.

Indian government has been requested to immediately take appropriate steps to secure the entry of stranded Indians into Saudi on humanitarian grounds by effecting diplomatic discussions with the Saudi Arabian government.

Sufiyan, who hails from Mangaluru and works as a labourer in Saudi Arabia, said he had travelled to Dubai after taking a loan from his relatives. "Now, I am stuck in Dubai and I do not have enough money for this extended stay," he said.

Get RT-PCR test every 15 days, Kerala students told

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

IN the wake of many students from Kerala testing positive for Covid-19 in Mangaluru, the Dakshina Kannada district administration has asked colleges to ensure that students from the neighbouring state get a Covid test done every 15 days.

Rules up to the present mandated that students only get a Covid test done when they first report to college. Rules, however, were changed as thousands of students commute between Dakshina Kannada in Karnataka and Kasargod district in Kerala each day.

DC K V Rajendra said colleges should take the SOP very seriously and get students' Covid negative reports once every 15 days. "If they ignore it and if 20 positive cases are found in a college, we will seal it," he warned. He also said officials plan to test on students hailing from Kerala in their respective colleges even if they have produced negative reports from their home state.

Kasargod is reporting 90-100 positive cases each day, which is a matter of concern as nearly 10,000 people commute between Kasaragod and Mangaluru daily. Colleges must insist on RT-PCR tests, the DC said.

As per the SOP, students entering the district from outside the state have to get an RT-PCR test in their home state and submit the negative test report within 72 hours to the college where they study. The DC said notices will be issued to colleges that do not insist on RT-PCR tests.

DHO Dr Ramachandra Bayary said he will request the Health Department commissioner to write a letter to the Kerala government on the need for students getting an RT-PCR test done.

Don't let guard down, says Sudhakar

BENGALURU: After 49 students in Mangaluru tested positive, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar took to Twitter to appeal to people not to lower their guard. "The news of 49 students testing positive in a nursing college in Ullal near Mangaluru is a grim reminder of how unpredictable the Covid virus is! Covid is still a threat, please continue to take necessary precautions," Health and Medical Education Minister Sudhakar K tweeted on Thursday. All the students who tested positive were BSc nursing students who had returned to college for examinations after a months-long break, said Dakshina Kannada District Health Officer Dr H Ashok. A total of 104 samples were tested. Health experts also urged people to continue to wear masks, maintain distance, and wash hands regularly.

DUE PROCESS

VC choice for music varsity not right: PIL

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THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the search committee to submit names of candidates who have been shortlisted for the appointment of Vice Chancellor of Karnataka State Dr Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru, in a sealed cover.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum also issued notice to the Search Committee for Selection of Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Nagesh V Bettakote and the Registrar of the university.

The HC passed the order after hearing the PIL filed by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapati Mahotsava Charitable Trust, Mysuru, alleging that Bettakote was appointed as the V-C of the university by the Chancellor, ignoring the shortlisted candidates. He took charge as the V-C on January 22, 2021, immediately after the notification issued by the Chancellor.

Praying to quash the said appointment made against the rule of law, the petitioner's counsel Venkatesh P Dalwai requested the court to issue direction to the Chancellor to appoint any best suitable person to the post of V-C.

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It is notified for the information of the general public that my client **KRISHNA MURTHY G.**, aged about 41 years, son of Sri Govindappa, R/at No. 11, SLV Nilaya, 2nd Cross, R.R. Layout Opposite Petrol Bank, Ayyappa Nagar, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore-560 036, has lost his undermentioned schedule property's original mother deed of Absolute Sale Deed dated 23-07-2019, at his aforesaid house on 03-02-2021 at 6.00 p.m. while he was searching the same.

Therefore, hereby informed the general public that surrender the aforesaid Sale Deed to the undersigned or my client if any person found the same and suitable award will be given to him.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

APARTMENT bearing Flat No. B-401 in Fourth Floor, In 'B' Block YAMUNA, in building known as **"VKP LAKE MIST"** measuring Super Built Up Area 1216 Sq. Ft, and with proportionate share of land measuring 417.0 Sq. Ft containing Two Bedrooms, with vitrified tiles Flooring together with One Covered Parking along with proportionate share in common areas such as Passage, Lobbies, Terrace and staircase contained in the multistoried building constructed on the Schedule 'A' property.

(N.GANESHA) Advocate
#33/30, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Hennur Cross Bus Stop, Kalyannanagar P.O., Bangalore-560043. Phone: 57627121
Mob: 9448204216 Dated: 04-02-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. KOMALA .M.R,** W/o Sri S. Shantharaju is intending to purchase the schedule property from its owner **Smt. VENKATALAXMAMMA** through her GPA holder and daughter **Smt. K. BHARATHI** for a valid sale consideration. If any persons having any claims, right, title, interest, whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing, within **TEN days** from the date of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title or interest by anybody and my client will proceed with the completion of sale transaction and will get register the absolute sale deed of the schedule property in her name.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant site property bearing Plot No.103, khatha No.117/A-103, in a residential layout formed in concerted land in Sy. No. 35/2, situated at Billakempanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District, in a layout known as 'WELLINGTON' measuring East to West (73.4+71.9)/2 ft, North to South 40 ft, in all measuring 2901 sq. ft., within the limits of Manchanayakanahalli Village Panchayath and bounded on;

East by : Road,
West by : Private Property,
North by : Plot No.102,
South by : Plot No.104.

V.N. SIMHA, Advocate,
No. 38/15, WAT Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.
Ph: 9845549487 Dated:04-02-2021

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C. Misc. No. 329 / 2020

Between : Rajamma & another **...Petitioners**
And: The Tahasildar, Bengaluru North Taluk **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named Petitioners have preferred an petition seeking Death Certificate of **Sanjeevaiah, S/o Late. Munipoojappa** who died on **07.11.1987** at Hullegowdanahalli, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. The said petition is coming before the Court on **10-03-2021**, if anybody having objection regarding issue of Death Certificate they may report their objection before **on 10/03/2021 at 11.00 a.m.**

Given under my hand and seal on 27th day of January 2021 at Nelamangala.

By the order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge and JMFC at Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioners :
Sri B.M. SATEESHA, Advocate,
No. 16/3, 'C' Cross, Byatarayanapura, Mysore Road, Bengaluru-560 026.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XIV ACMM, AT BENGALURU
C.Misc. No. 50009/2021

BETWEEN: G. Rajakumar and Other, S/o. Late M. Govinda Swamy, aged about 50 years, No. 138/3, Reddy Complex, 1st Main, LBS Nagar, Bengaluru-560017 **...Petitioner**
AND: The Registrar of Births & Deaths, Office of the BBMP, Bengaluru 560002 **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named petitioner has filed a petition seeking direction to the respondent herein to register the Death and issue the Death Certificate of petitioner's mother namely **Late Smt. C. Devi, W/o. Late M. Govindaswamy died on 28/08/2017** at above said address.

Any person interested or has any objection to the said claim can appear before the Hon'ble Court, either personally or through pleader duly instructed with objections if any on **26/02/2021** at 11.00 A.M failing which the above case will be heard and decided as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 03/02/2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, XIV ACMM Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: **G. NARAYANA REDDY**
Dikshit Associates
#612, 2nd Floor, Chandra Building, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560002.

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Notice Inviting Tenders (E- Tendering Process)

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Lotus Shopping Centres Private Limited ('LSCPL') is undergoing liquidation proceedings in accordance with IBC, 2016 pursuant to Hon'ble NCLT (Bengaluru) Order dated 18th June 2019.

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Assets Lot	Date and time of Auction	Reserve Price INR	Incremental Amount	EMD Amount & Submission process
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Please refer Terms & Conditions of E-auction and submission of Expression of Interest (EoI), provided under EoI process document and the Asset Sale Process Memorandum on the website of the corporate debtor http://lotusshoppingcentres.in. Alternatively, details will also be made available on https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net- E-Auction website.

You may write to me at LQ.Lotus@in.gt.com for any further details or clarification in this regard.

Date: 05 February 2021
Place:Mumbai

Sanjay Kumar Mishra,
(IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01047/2017-2018/11730)
Liquidator of Lotus Shopping Centres Private Limited (In Liquidation)
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सूचना / NOTICE

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/ guarantors/ Mortgagors & Legal heirs of the deceased guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with future interest togetehr with incidental expenses, cost , charges etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. **Name of the Borrowers** : **Sri.Amaresh. K.G** S/o Late Govindappa and **Smt.S.Vinodha Amaresh** W/o Sri.Amaresh.K.G and **Legal Heirs of the deceased guarantor Sri. Shivanna(1)Smt.Puttamma** W/o Late Shivanna, **(2)Sri.Vijaykumar** S/o Late Shivanna, **(3) Smt. Veena** D/o Late Shivanna
Demand Notice date : 06.10.2020 **A/C NO.HL 64190525681, HL 54010039977**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice: Rs.12,24,034/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Thirty Four Only) as on 29.09.2020 with future interest at contractual rate from 30.09.2020 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Possession Taken date : 01.02.2021
Loan Outstanding amount :Rs.7,70,856/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Six Only) as on 28.01.2021 future interest at contractual rate from 29.01.2021with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of Residential Site No.6B, formed in Sy No.59/5 of Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted for Residential purposes vide Order No.BD.IS.AAL.N.SR.(N)42/92-93 dated 20.08.1992, falling under CMC Bytarayanapura with Nagara Sabha Khatha No.251/B/251/6B, as per Valuation Report present address being No.6,5th Cross Road, 5th Main Road, Gurudarshan Layout,Thindlu Village,Banagalore, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 40 feet with building thereon standing in the name of Sri.K.G.Amaresh S/o Late Govindappa and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Site No.11B & 12B, North by: Site No.5B and South by: Site No.7B.

2. **Name of the Borrower : Sri. B.V. Girish** S/o Sri. Venkatappa and
Guarantor : Smt.Shyamala W/o Sri. B.V. Girish
Demand Notice date : 11.11.2020 **A/C NO.HTL 30504177133**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice :Rs.22,16,267/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Only) as on 08.11.2020, with future interest at contractual rate from 09.11.2020 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Possession Taken date : 01.02.2021
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.22,80,249/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine Only) as on 28.01.2021 and further interest at contractual rate from 29.01.2021 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.92 (Western Side), Khatha No.192/92, formed in 3 Acres 17 Guntas of land in Sy. No.16/2 in the layout known as 'OMKARESHWARA LAYOUT' situated at Byadarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, vide Order No.ALN(N)SR;59;2007-08 dated 10.12.2007 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 39.6 feet, totally measuring 1,584 Sq.ft. with all civic amenities,standing in the name of Sri.B.V.Girish S/o Sri.Venkatappa and bounded on:East by: Site No.92 (Eastern Side) West by: Road, North by: Site No.93, South by: Site No.91.

3. **Name of the Borrower : Sri.Ravi Kumar.G** S/o Sri.Gangaiah, **Smt.Padma** W/o Sri.Gangaiah and **Sri.Shashikumar G** S/o Sri.Gangaiah
Demand Notice date : 18.11.2020 **A/c No.HL 64135808441**
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice :Rs.89,88,860/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Only) as on 18.11.2020 with future interest at contractual rate from 19.11.2020 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Possession Taken date : 01.02.2021
Loan Outstanding amount :Rs.88,30,268/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakh ThirtyThousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight Only) as on 28.01.2021and further interest at contractual rate from 29.01.2021 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.
Description of the immovable property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Municipal property No.121(One Hundred Twenty One), PID No.20-36-121, situated in Layout developed by Bangalore Development Authority at 5th Main Road, 5th Phase, 1st Stage, West of Chord Road, BBMP ward No.107, Bengaluru measuring East to West:12.8+13.0/2 and North to South:12.19+12.80/2 meters totally measuring 161.18 Sq. meters with building thereon standing in the name of Sri. Ravi Kumar G S/o Sri. Gangaiah and bounded on East by: Site No.120, West By: Site No.122, North By: Road and South By: Site No.139/B and SWD.

The above mentioned borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors/legal heirs of the deceased guarantor having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand notices, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ guarantors/Mortgagors/legal heirs of the deceased guarantor in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of State of India RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengluru has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors/legal heirs of the deceased guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge **of the State Bank of India,** for amount mentioned against their names with further interest at contractual rate with incidental expenses,cost, charges charges etc., thereon.

The borrowers/guaranotors/mortgagers/legal heirs of the deceased guarantor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date :01.02.2021 State Bank of India,
Place: Bangalore RACPC, Yelahanka Bengaluru

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Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda on Thursday raised the issue of farmers' protest in the Rajya Sabha during his motion of thanks on President's speech. He implored the Union Government to hold talks with protesting farmers instead of building concrete walls

HAL looks at ₹1 lakh crore order book by 2022-end

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HINDUSTAN Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on Thursday drew a rosy picture of its performance saying its order book is set cross the ₹1 lakh crore-mark by the end of 2022. Speaking to reporters at the Aero India 2021 here, R Madhavan, Chairman and Managing Director, HAL, said that they have even received export enquiries for the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.

He said the company's order book was ₹53,000 crore. "But if you add Tejas to it, it will cross ₹80,000 crore ... so that is the order book as of now. We are expecting two more orders for Light Combat Helicopter and HTT-40 (from the IAF), coming up for the next year," he said.

On February 2, a day before the three-day Aero India 2021 commenced, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over the Rs 48,000 crore order for 73 LCA Tejas Mk-1A fighters and 10 Tejas Mk-1A trainers to HAL. "We will start delivery from 36 months from T-0, which is today (February 4). In March 2024, we will make the first delivery of LCA Tejas Mk-1A to the IAF. The first delivery will be of two aircraft. The total supply time post the first delivery will be six years, which means a total delivery time (for all 83 aircraft) will be nine years (by 2030). But we will try and reduce it by one year," Madhavan said. The LCA Tejas' indigenous content at present is 52%. Madhavan said some countries in South East Asia and West Asia have evinced interest in importing Tejas. He said HAL is looking at exporting Tejas at the same price at which they sold it to the IAF(₹309 crore a piece).

Pics: Vinod Kumar T

SHOOTER SATELLITE UAV

HAL is planning to develop an unmanned flying system that can fly at about 70,000ft continuously for 2-3 months, to maintain surveillance on the ground below. Arup Chatterjee, Director (Engineering, Research & Development), HAL, described it as the first in the world. "This is a futuristic concept which no other country has yet developed. It will be a solar energised system. We are developing this jointly with a startup," he said.

Team Surya Kiran prepare to land after performing on Day 2 of the Aero India 2021 at Air Force Station Yelahanka on Thursday

HAL'S FUTURISTIC, DEADLY CATS TO BE BATTLE-READY BY 2024-25

Systems will ensure maximum firepower against enemy targets, will keep pilot, aircraft safe

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HINDUSTAN Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is looking at a 2024-25 deadline to develop its unique Combat Air Teaming System (CATS), a deep penetration attack system that enables a fighter pilot to remain safely within the country's borders, while being able to deploy missiles or swarms of drones deep into enemy territory to destroy targets.

The project, with an initial investment of ₹400 crore, comprises three components that can be separately or simultaneously deployed – CATS Hunter, CATS Warrior and Alpha-S -- all of which are unmanned systems, but which can be controlled from the 'mothership', the fighter aircraft from which it is launched by its pilot from a safe distance. This unique concept will ensure maximum firepower against enemy targets, while keeping the pilot and fighter aircraft out of enemy fire. The CATS Hunter is being conceived as an air-launched cruise missile that has the capability of deep penetration strikes which can be released by a fighter aircraft like LCA Tejas, Jaguar or Sukhoi-30 MKI. CATS Warrior can take off on its own from the ground and target enemy locations carrying heavy explosives. "It can go up to 700km and hit a target, or fly 350km, release attack drones and return to base," said Arup Chatterjee, Director (Engineering, Research & Development), HAL.

The Warrior can also carry and release the Alpha-S, a swarm of up to 24 drones each carrying about 5-8kg of explosives, and can target multiple enemy locations simultaneously on being released.

Alternatively, the Alpha-S can be released directly by a fighter aircraft using a glider that can carry the drone swarms deep into enemy territory, controlled by the pilot from the mothership. The drones in the swarm of Alpha-S are networked via electronic data links, and equipped with electro-optical and infrared sensors. This enables each drone to select separate targets.

The CATS Warrior and Hunter can be powered by a modified PTE-7 engine of the HAL, which was the power plant of the Lakshya unmanned aircraft. He said it will take around 15 months for the mothership to be made compatible with CATS. "We should be able to develop the CATS by 2024-25," he said. "We are investing our own funds and going ahead with the project, and subsequently the Indian Air Force will come in." HAL had quietly initiated the CATS project in 2017, and also tested the project in Pokhran for the IAF, and its capability had left senior officers impressed.

Rotary Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (RUAVs) are being developed and tested to deliver rations and supplies to soldiers posted at high altitude border posts, Chatterjee said. With extremely difficult conditions making helicopter flights almost impossible to carry rations to forward posts, HAL has come up with RUAVs to do the job instead.

IAF proposal for basic trainer HTT40

HAL has received a Request for Proposal (RFP) and quotation from the IAF for its basic trainers requirement, at Aero India 2021 on Thursday. The documents were handed over to HAL CMD R Madhavan, by Deputy Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Sandeep Singh, and Director General (Acquisition), Ministry of Defence, VL Kantha Rao. The RFP is for 70 HTT40 aircraft, with an additional clause for 38 more. Production will take place at HAL's two manufacturing units in Bengaluru and Nashik. The RFP has come within six years of HAL's first flight, which is claimed to be the shortest timeline in the aircraft industry. The trainer will have more than 60% indigenous content.

MoUs with MIDHANI, GE Aviation signed

HAL on Thursday signed an MoU with MIDHANI (Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited) at the ongoing Aero India 2021 for development and production of composite raw materials. Composites raw materials, mainly in the form of Prepregs used in platforms like LCA, ALH, LCH and LUH are currently imported. HAL also signed a contract with GE Aviation for development and supply of ring forgings for GE Aviation military and commercial engine programmes. The 5-year contract valued over ₹100 crore involves supplying both steel and nickel alloy forgings for shrouds, cases, rings and seals. The forgings will be manufactured at HAL's new facility at its Foundry and Forge Division in Bengaluru.

TEJASVI FLIES TEJAS

Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya waves after making asortie on the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas at the Aero India 2021 in Bengaluru on Thursday. With Surya on board, the LCA took off from Air Force Station Yelahanka and during a 30-minute sortie, the young MP took control of the fighter jet for around five to six minutes. "I was thrilled to fly Tejas, the indigenous fighter jet and pride of Bengaluru," he said.

Team Sarang enthrals the audience during Aero India 2021

Visitors at the Air Force Station Yelahanka

Need to go digital, bring allies together: Lt Gen

Team Surya Kiran

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IN a major drive to bring friendly countries tightly together to face future conflicts jointly, Lt Gen Raj Shukla, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Army Training Command, on Thursday said there is a need to go digital quickly and in a very big way. Speaking at a seminar on 'The Future of Conflicts', organised by Synergia Foundation at the Aero India 2021, he said that investment in technology and new-age skills will be important. "We need to embrace multi-domain operations capacities," he said. "The skill and sagacity with which we partner with like-minded allies adds heft to our strategic partnerships, and this may be critical as we have seen what new-age challenges and their scale and magnitude are," he said.

TALKING POINT

BEML, NAL team up for 2-seater aircraft

BEML Limited on Thursday signed an MoU with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-National Aerospace Laboratory (NAL) to develop in the areas of advanced composite and autoclaves, mini-unmanned aerial vehicles, design and analysis of aircraft structure and systems. BEML also teamed with NAL for joint development of two-seater trainer aircraft through technology of transfer (ToT). At Aero India 2021, A K Srivastav, Director Defence and Aerospace, BEML, exchanged the copies with R Venkatesh, Director, Business Development, NAL, in the presence of M V Rajasekhar, CMD, BEML.

Airbus inks pact with GMR Group

Airbus signed an MoU with GMR Group, an Indian aviation infrastructure developer, at the Aero India to explore collaboration opportunities across aviation services, technologies and innovation. They will team up to explore potential synergies in several strategic areas of aviation services, including maintenance, components, training, digital, and airport services. "Airbus and GMR teams will work together and innovate across areas such as maintenance, airport operations and air cargo supply chain among others to realise our shared goals," said S G K Kishore, Chief Innovation Officer and Executive Director, South at GMR.

Rajnath makes strong pitch for IOR unity

Seeking to rally Indian Ocean Region (IOR) countries on security, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday that conflicting claims in some maritime areas have seen negative impact. This concern also comes amid continued border standoff with China since May last year. At a seminar on 'Building Collective Maritime Competence towards Security and Growth for All in the Region' Singh said IOR is a shared asset. "The region demands maritime governance and security because one-third of the world's bulk cargo traffic and two-thirds of the world's oil shipments transit through the region," he said.

Light Combat Aircraft Tejas takes off to captivate the audience

Khandre slams govt for stalled housing scheme

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THE construction of houses for the poor has been stalled and for flimsy reasons, Congress working president Eshwar Khandre said in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

When Khandre alleged that the government has put on hold the construction of over two lakh homes, Housing Minister V Somanna lashed out at him.

Khandre then angrily said that the government had introduced the scheme to ensure that no person in the state lives in huts or sheds and that they all live in pucca houses.

Soon, there was a stand off in the Assembly, and Ramesh Kumar, Byrathi Suresh and Yatheendra Siddaramaiah joined in the attack on the government.

Khandre and Congress MLAs told the house that around 15 lakh houses had been completed and distributed by 2018, and that around 7 lakh houses were being built by the end of May 2018 when the Congress government was voted out.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar details plans to upgrade PHCs in state

After that, due to official reasons, around 2.5 lakh houses were incomplete, and the government had not addressed the concerns of the homeless, Congress MLAs charged.

Khandre said that it was a travesty that people had to remain homeless for three years and blamed a particular officer.

Congress MLAs said that the aim was to have a Jopadi Mukt Karnataka but the goal was still a long way off. Under the scheme, SC and ST households would get Rs 1.80-2 lakh and General Category households would get Rs 1.2 lakh assistance.

'Scrap taluk panchayats'

Legislators cutting across party lines demanded that the government scrap taluk panchayats and implement a two-tier (gram and zilla panchayat) system.

RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa said that the government would place a proposal in this regard before the Cabinet soon.

IN THE ASSEMBLY

- The government has begun recruitment of 1,246 doctors and 824 surgeons, and in a month, all PHCs in state will have a doctor, Health Minister Sudhakar said
- Govt to procure ambulances to ensure one ambulance for 30,000 population
- Sewage treatment plants to be built in Srirangapatna, Hanur, other towns to prevent untreated sewage from entering Cauvery river, said Ecology Minister C P Yogeshwar
- STPs to be built at a cost of Rs 208 crore to supply treated water to Srirangapatna, Hanur, Bannur

Hiring 'disparity' in BMRCL, Sringeri gang rape rock Council

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KANNADIGA workers were being harassed in BMRCL and there was disparity in the hiring process, MLC Kantharaj alleged in the Legislative Council on Thursday.

He said that 21 of 22 key BMRCL posts were held by people from other states, mostly Tamil Nadu. "Many Kannadigas have been sacked for no reason. Even the staff issuing tokens are from other states. Kannadiga passengers who don't know Hindi or English or facing trouble due to this," he said, demanding that the government come up with a rule that at least 60% of the employees should be from Karnataka.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that permanent posts are being filled up through a proper examination and as it is a project, there is no provision to hire many workers on a permanent basis. "I will instruct the BMRCL MD to look into the matter," he said.

Congress MLC BK Hariprasad raised concerns that the solid waste management in Bengaluru was in the clutches of the mafia. Replying, Bommai said that the BBMP had called for tenders ward-wise for solid waste management to free the system from the mafia.

Sringeri gang rape

The alleged gang-rape of a 15-year-old girl in Sringeri rocked the Council on Thursday.

Congress Chief Whip M Narayanaswamy raised the issue during the discussions of matter of public importance and said the prime accused was a Sangh Parivar member, while accused number two was a BJP Yuva Morcha member. This led to a heated argument between the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress party.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "... I should continue to ensure proper investigation and punishment to the culprits. The government will give the survivor a government job when she attains majority."

Lawyer smears Bhagawan's face with ink

She had filed a petition against the writer two months ago, alleging that he hurt Hindu sentiments

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CONTROVERSIAL writer K S Bhagawan's face was smeared with black ink by a woman advocate-activist at a court in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The advocate, Meera Raghavendra, attacked Bhagawan, a strong critic of Hinduism, outside the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate court and uploaded the video with the slogan 'Jai Shri Ram' on her social media account, which went viral. She had filed a petition against Bhagawan two months ago, alleging that he hurt the religious sentiments of Hindus at a press conference in Mysuru. He was at the court for a hearing in the case and was granted bail. As he was walking out of the court, Meera attacked him with ink and told him, "Are you not ashamed to talk about God in this manner at this age. I am ready for everything, even to get arrested."

Writer K S Bhagawan's face smeared with black ink in Bengaluru on Thursday.

The policemen and bodyguards accompanying Bhagawan immediately took him out of the court premises. Later, Bhagawan and his advocate Surya Mukund Raj visited the Halasuru Gate police station and filed a complaint in connection with the incident.

Bhagawan told *TNIE*, "I forgive her for her stupidity. I don't know how she will protect the law as a lawyer. I would have really appreciated if she fought legally against my views on religion and god. She should have let the law take its course. She disrespected the law and her own profession by taking law into her hand. The lawyers' association and Bar Council too should act against her."

Meera told *TNIE*, "I will ensure he gets punished for his statement against Hindu religion."

The government has provided police security to Bhagawan as his name appeared in the hit list of the accused in the Gauri Lankesh murder case. This is the second incident in recent times where a writer from Karnataka was smeared with ink. In 2017, Yogesh Master had faced a similar attack.

Protest against attack

Activists and progressive thinkers gathered in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue near Mysuru court and condemned the attack on rationalist K S Bhagawan. Writer Aravinda Malagatti, progressive thinker Mahesh Chandra Guru, activist Shivaramu and others raised slogans against the advocate and appealed to the government to save democracy and the Constitution. Malagatti said, "The advocate has smeared ink on the judicial system."

Jyothi A, president, National Federation of Indian Women, said, "The uncivilised behaviour of the lawyer is highly condemnable. It sets a wrong precedent. She should have fought it legally rather than stooping to such levels."

CRIME PATROL

3 held for fake packers and movers racket

Bengaluru: Whitefield police on Thursday arrested three suspects on charges of conning people through a fake packers and movers company they ran online. Accordingly, the police seized a car, two bikes and fake printed bills. The suspects have been identified as Shivakumar (20), Sandeep (21), and Pradeep (19). Police said the trio would target such people who were searching for packers and movers services online to transport their vehicles, and offer them a huge discount. Once a deal was sealed, they would demand that payment be made online. Later, they would allegedly flee with the customers' vehicles. When customers contacted them later, they would demand more money. The latter were allegedly selling the vehicles to their friends for cheap prices.

Security guard's gun, mobile phones stolen

Bengaluru: A security guard attached to a private agency has filed a case at the Magadi Road police station that unidentified miscreants made away with an unloaded gun and two mobile phones from him, at Railway Colony on Monday. In his complaint, Harish JM stated that a double-barrel breaching loading gun, along with two mobile phones, were stolen when he was having a nap at an old house in the colony, following his rounds. Harish, along with an associate MK Sharath, were posted at the venue to check increasing thefts. Based on the complaint, police registered a case of theft on Monday, but the suspects are yet to be arrested.

'Rich' forest dept confused over fund usage

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An earthmover at work inside the Turahalli forests near Bengaluru | EXPRESS

FOR the first time, the Karnataka government has received a lion's share – Rs 1,350 cr -- in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (Campa) funds this year for forest management. But there seems to be some confusion on how to utilise the enormous funds.

The state's share this year is much higher than what the forest department would get for management of all tiger reserves, reserve forests, wildlife sanctuaries and other forests in the state. Normally the state would get a share of around Rs 80-100 crore. Last year, the forest department had received Rs 269 crore, because of the list of works they had quoted to be undertaken. The Centre had released Rs 48,000 crore to all the states as their share for forest conservation this year.

Experts and serving forest officials point out that the amount is enormous and the department officials are confused on how to utilise the funds. "Instead of indulging in civil works and commercial activities inside tiger reserves like the recent road creation in Kali Tiger Reserve or using earthmovers inside Turahalli forests, the forest department should work towards tribal resettlement, as they are willing to come out of forests and on forest protection," an expert working closely with the department said.

Serving forest officials said that it was high time the higher ups in the department introspected on what was required and what was not. Works like providing ration, clothes etc to forest guards can be done in Rs 4-5 crore. They should instead work on paying the wages of the guards and those in anti-poaching camps who are still waiting for it, said an official.

Puneet Pathak, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Campa, told *TNIE* that the state's share of Campa fund cannot be utilised all in one go. He said the National Campa Fund Board's approval is required before spending.

"It can be utilised only for works like afforestation, wildlife, protection etc and not for permanent establishment projects. In fact, last year, the department's proposal to utilise a portion of Rs 296 crore for rail barricades to manage man-elephant conflict was turned down by the Campa Fund Board. So now the list of works will be prepared and the money will be used wisely," he added.

Couple trapped, blackmailed bizmen, arrested

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WHITEFIELD police on Thursday arrested a couple for alleged honey-trapping unsuspecting people and luring them through an online escort service.

The suspects have been identified as Baswathi Dutta (26) and her husband Kiran Raj (33). The couple would target businessmen and private company employees by offering them escort services via an online dating portal.

Baswathi would meet the victims at her residence and allegedly record the meeting through a hidden camera, and then use the clip to blackmail the victims into coughing up cash and gold. They were arrested after one of their victims approached police.

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INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Appointment of Independent Verification Agency (IVA) for Assessing Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) to Support Chennai City Partnership Program - Sustainable Urban Services Program for Results

1. **The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board** invites proposal from Consultants for acting as **Independent Verification Agency (IVA)** for Assessing Disbursement Linked Indicators **(DLIs)** to Support Chennai City Partnership Program - Sustainable Urban Services Program for Results.
2. **Request for Proposal (RfP)** may be downloaded from the websites - **www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tnidb.tn.gov.in** or may be obtained from the office of the **CEO, TNIDB.** Submission of such downloaded tender document shall be accompanied by processing fee of **Rs. 11,800/-** (Inclusive of GST) and Bid Security (EMD) of **Rs. 1,50,000/-.**
3. A pre-bid meeting for the prospective applicants is scheduled on **12.02.2021 at 15.00 Hours.** Details are available in the **RFP.**
4. Proposals complete in all respect must be delivered in the office of **Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board (TNIDB), Finance Department Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600009** on or before 15.00 Hours on **22.02.2021.**
5. All Other details are available in the Request for Proposal (RfP).

Chief Executive Officer
Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" **on 26/02/2021** (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of ₹.35577625/- with further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from 1. Sri Ravi S/o Doddegowda. 2. Smt. G Priyanka W/o Sri Ravi both 1 & 2 residing at No. E – 6/3, Channasandra Colony Kengeri Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru – 560098

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **24/02/2021** at 5.00 pm to account number 2366295000004, Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bengaluru RTGS/NEFT (IFSC - CNRB0002366) (₹.in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value
1.	All that piece and parcel of the property standing in the name of Smt. G Priyanka W/o Sri Ravi – Residential Land bearing site No. 17 & 20 Khatha No. 288 Halagevaderahalli Village Ist Main, 22nd Cross, Ideal Homes Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru – 560098. measuring 30'X100' totally 3000 Sq Ft.	₹ 94.32	₹ 9.44	₹ 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara bank, Ph. No.9483532366 during office hours on any working day.

Date: 04.02.2021
Place: Bengaluru.
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Item No.	1.
Description	Design, manufacture, testing and supply of Armoured ISI marked Single core 11KV 300 mm² size stranded Aluminum conductor, XLPE, insulated, PVC sheathed, screened cable in accordance with IS: 7098 (part-2) with latest amendments manufactured with CCV/SIOPLAS technology.
Qty	26 KMs
Enquiry No. / Year	223/2021
Last date & time for downloading of tenders	22.2.2021 11.00 A.M.
Last date & time for bid submission	23.2.2021 11.00 A.M.
Date & time of opening of bids	24.2.2021 11.30 A.M.

EMD : Rs. 2,19,090/-
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Detailed NIT and Specification may be downloaded from PSPCL e-tendering website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in**.
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My client **Mr.Fayez Ahmed,** S/o Maqsood Ahmed, Aged about 31 years, R/at Bangalore, had married **Afsa Iqbal,** D/o Eqbal Ahmed, Aged about 32 years, on 16-08-2015, according to Islamic laws and norms and due to constant differences cropped up between them, my client had sent Talaqnama to his wife on 3-10-2017 and on subsequent dates, as per Muslim law and customs and had obtained Talaqnama and further to confirm and declare that , my client had also filed a suit for Declaration before the Hon'ble 6th Family Court, Bangalore in O.S.No. 120/2018 and the Ho'ble Court was pleased to pass Judgement dated: 29-03-2019 and declare that the marriage, solemnized, dated:16-8-2015 between my client and **Afsa Iqbal** as NULL AND VOID.

Hence, my client and **Afsa Iqbal** have no kind of bonding/ relationship, henceforth from the date of Judgement and my client have liberty to lead his own life as his well and wish.

Sd/-

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IN THE COURT OF 1st Addl FAMILY JUDGE AT BANGALORE CITY
M.C. No. 1359/2020

BETWEEN: Smt. RANJITHA .S ... Petitioner

-V/s-

Sri ANIL KUMAR.S ... Respondent

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

To, **Sri ANIL KUMAR .S,** aged about 42 years, S/o Sri Sudheendra, R/at # 45, 7th Main, CHBS layout, Govindarajanagar, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560040.

Whereas Petitioner in the above petition has filed the above petition U/s. 13(1)(ia)(ib)(iii) of the Hindu Marriage act, 1955, against the Respondent for judgment and decree for divorce for dissolution of the marriage solemnized on 09/02/2012 and such other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear in person before 1st Addl.Family Judge , Bengaluru.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the **25th day of March 2021,** at 11.00 PM the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this 1st day of February 2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore.

Advocate of the Petitioner:
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Ganddhibazar Circle, Basavanagudi,
Bangalore-560004. Ph: 26673086

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, my client **SRI CHAKRAVARTHI D.** S/o Sri Subramanyam, aged about 39 years, R/at No. 15, Janankshi Layout, 1st Cross, Rajajeshwari Nagara, Bengaluru-560098, is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Sri G. Udayakumar Naidu,** S/o Late Gopal Naidu, aged about 40 years, R/at No.47/B, 1st Main Road, Manuvana, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-40, rep. by his G.P.A holder his mother Smt. R. Rani, W/o late Gopal Naidu. Any person/s having any right, title and interest in that property may file their objections along with documentary proof to the undersigned counsel **WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS** of the publication of this notice, on No Objection, my clients will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted property bearing Site No.02, carved out of land bearing Survey No.42/3A, duly converted from agriculture to non-agriculture residential purpose, vide order No. ALN(S). SR.(KEM) 116/2010-11, Dated:24.2.2011, situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, now comes under B.B.M.P. Pattanagere ward No. 198, Khatha No.208/42/3A/2, Measuring East to West: 60 Feet, North to South: 50 Feet, totally measuring 3000 Sq.Ft., and bounded on:-

East by: Road, **West by:** Site No.3, **North by:** Property of V.Nagaraj, **South by:** Site No.1.

GANESHA .P, Advocate
No.65, 1st Floor, II Main, II Cross, 12th Main, Gandhinagra, Bangalore-560009.
Mob: 9980017788. Dated: 03.02.2021.

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This is to inform the general public that our client **Mr. Bal Krishna Kesharwani** S/o. Raja Ram Kesarwani, residing at 4937 Lee Farm Ct, Ellicott City, MD 21043, USA is the Agreement Holder under Agreement for Sale and Construction dated 26/11/2014 executed by **M/s. Trishul Buildtech & Infrastructures Private Ltd,** and others. He had lost original Sale and Construction Agreement of the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder in transit on 6/2/2015 and he had filed a complaint of this to the jurisdictional Police Unit Crime Branch Bengaluru City police on 22/1/2021.

Any person/s having found the same may kindly return to our client to the above address/ to the undersigned or to the jurisdictional Bengaluru, within 7 days from the date of this publication. If any person misusing the original one shall be prosecuted, if anyone entering into any transaction without our client's knowledge with any third party our client shall not be responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Flat# 7154, Tower 7 Floor-15, Prestige Lakeside Habitat at Gunjur and Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560087

Sd/- **Akhila & Associates**
#121, LRDE Layout Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037.
Phone: 9741300393

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Pavithra .A, aged about 34 years, W/o Sri N. Anil Kumar, residing at No.8, Jaraganahalli, Near Gangadhareshwara Temple, 6th Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 078, has misplaced/left the below mentioned two original documents pertaining to the Property bearing No.6, carved in the Property bearing Survey No.28/2, Khata No.28/2, BBMP assigned No.28/2-06, situated at Sarakki Lake Main Road, Sarakki Garden, (previously called Sarakki Village Farm, Uttarahalli Hobli), Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring to an extent of East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 25 feet,(Building consisting of Ground plus 3 floors) :

1. The Registered Sale Deed dt: 21-10-2002 executed by Smt. Radhamma General Power of Attorney holder of Sri Munikrishnappa and Others, Registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri and Registered as Document No.13022/2002-2003, stored in C.D No.104.
2. The Registered General Power of Attorney dt:23-02-1996 executed by Sri Munikrishnappa and Others appointing Smt. Radhamma as their GPA holder, Registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri and Registered as Document No. 943/1995-96 in Book-IV, Volume ADL 62 .

My client has lodged a Complaint before the Puttenahalli Police Station on 01-02-2021 in respect of misplaced/missing/left of Registered General Power of Attorney dt: 23-02-1996 & Registered Sale Deed dt: 21-10-2002.

Any person dealing with the property on the basis of the aforesaid misplaced/missing documents will be doing so at his/her own risks and responsibility.

GAJENDRA .S & RANJANI .S, Advocate,
No. 35, 7th cross, Opp. Wilson Garden Police Station, Inside Corporation Market Area, Wilson Garden, Bangalore – 560 027.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & S.C. No. 66 OF 2021 (CCH-28)

Petitioner: Sri G.S. Rajendra Prasad, S/o Gurupadappa, R/at No. 446, 6th Phase, 1st Stage, Mahaganapathi Nagar, Rajajinagara, Bangalore-560010 **-V/s-**

Respondents: Nil

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this Court under Section 276 of Indian Succession Act for the probate of will dated 28.07.2014 in favour of the petitioner, in respect of the schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by M.K. Sunkad the petitioner is father younger brother herein who expired on 18.11.2014.

Interested parties herein called to appear in this court in person of by pleader duly instructed on **08.03.2021** at 11.00 a.m inform to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

Property bearing No.446, P.I.D. No. 20.37-446/A measuring East to West 6.32 Meters and North to South 8.53 Meters, situated at 6th Phase, 1st Stage, West of Cord Road, Bangalore-560010 bounded on the:

East By : Property No. 445, **West By :** House No. 446, **North By :** Hose No. 447, **South By :** Road.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 03.02.2021.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Address for Service:
NANDAKUMAR, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. KOTWANI DEEPA KRIPALDAS,** W/o. Mr. Sumit Ghosh intend to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owner **Mr. BHUPATHIRAJU SHIVAKUMAR VARMA** S/o. Sri. Seetharamaraju Residing at No. 3-36, Cheruvu Gattu, Pallamkuru, East Godavari, Andrapradesh State- 533212.

If any persons, financial institutions, banks, Co-operative societies, etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural lands bearing 1) Sy. No.264/1, measuring to an extent of 25 Guntas, 2) Sy. No. 264/2, measuring to an extent of 25 Guntas, 3) Sy. No. 264/3, measuring to an extent of 25 Guntas,4) Sy. No. 264/4, measuring to an extent of 25 Guntas, 5) Sy. No. 274/1, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 24 Guntas, 6) Sy. No. 274/2, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 24 Guntas,7) Sy. No. 274/3, measuring to an extent of 3 Acre 23 Guntas, 8) Sy. No. 274/4, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 24 Guntas, 9) Sy. No. 273/1, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 39 Guntas, 10) Sy. No. 273/2, measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 39 Guntas, 11) Sy. No. 273/3 measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 39 Guntas, and 12) Sy. No. 275 measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 24 Guntas., total land measuring to an extent 18 Acre 16 guntas situated at **Yellodu Village Kasaba Hobli, Gudibande Taluk Chikkaballapura District** and bounded by :

East by : Land bearing Sy. Nos. 371,272 & private property, West by : Land bearing Sy. Nos 263, 265, 266, 317 & 318, North by : Land bearing Sy. Nos. 120, 176 and private property, South by : Land bearing Sy. Nos. 265, 266, 317, 318, 268, 371 & 272.

Manjunath Chary, ADVOCATE
704, Esteem Splendor 2,
Opp. Adugodi Police Stn, Inside Madhuban Appt Gate, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560029.
Ph : 9099924079

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Manjunath Chary, ADVOCATE
704, Esteem Splendor 2,
Opp. Adugodi Police Stn, Inside Madhuban Appt Gate, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560029.
Ph : 9099924079

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre
73, Shantharam Bestowal 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road, Sudhama Nagar, Bengaluru-560027
Ph: 080-22114022/22114021, Email: sbi.40690@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated 11-03-2016 calling upon the borrower/s: **Sri. Puneet Awanna Patil** S/o. Sri. Awanna Patil & **Smt. Apeksha S. Patil** W/o. Sri. Puneet Awanna Patil (address for both) Aditya Nilaya, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Central Excise Layout, Marenhalli, Saraswathinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 040 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.40,99,747/-** (Rupees forty lakhs ninety nine thousand seven hundred forty seven only) as on 11-03-2016 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules, on **01-02-2021.**

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.41,36,405/-**(Rupees forty one lakhs thirty six thousand four hundred five only) as on 01-02-2021 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVBLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel ofthe property bearing Site No. 162, BBMP No. 162/162/162, situated at 1st Block, Jnanabharathi, Nagadevanahalli, BBMP Ward No. 130, Bangalore, measuring 55.75 mtrs; East to West: 9.14 mtrs – North to South: 6.10 mtrs. standing in the name of Sri. Puneet Awanna Patil S/o. Sri. Awanna Patil & Smt. Apeksha S. Patil W/o. Sri. Puneet Awanna Patil. **Bounded by:** East : Road, West : BDA Property, North : Property No. 163, South : Property No. 161.

Place:Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 01.02.2021 **SBI, RACPC, Lalbagh, Bengaluru**

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aavin VRD. 793 SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,
KAZHANIVASAL, KARAIKUDI - 2.

RE -TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed tenders are invited in two part system in technical bid and commercial bid to carry out certain works on contract in **Karaikudi Dairy, Sivagangai Chilling Centre , Paramakudi Chilling Centre, Manamadurai Hi-Tech Parlour** and planned to open **Sivagangai, Karaikudi, Thangatchi Madam Hi-Tech Parlours** for two years from the date of awarding contract.

The tender documents can be obtained in payment of Rs. 590/- (Including GST) for direct either by cash or by D.D. and Rs.690/- by post in favour of the **"General Manager, Sivagangai District Co-Operative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., payable at Karaikudi** from **05.02.2021** to **18.02.2021** in all working days from **10.00 AM** to **02.00 PM.**

The application and other details can be downloaded in the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** The prebid meeting for the tender will be held on **10.02.2021** at **11.00 am** in **Head office Karaikudi.**

DIPR/ 808 /TENDER/2021 **GENERAL MANAGER**

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Corporate Office: #109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.
www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in PH No. 22956419 / 420

SALE NOTICE - SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

1) M/s.Golden Gate Properties Ltd Regd. Office: "Golden House", No.820, 80 Feet Road, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560 095. **represented by its Directors :- 2) Sri. C. D. Sanjay Raj,** S/o C. H. Devaraj residing at: No.4, Benson Road, Benson Town, Bangalore- 560 046. **3) Smt. K. Krishnan** S/o Karunakaran Nair residing at: No.280, 1st Floor, Serinity Appts., 4th Main, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560 034. **4) Sri. P. V. S. Banu Murthy** S/o P. Surya Prakash Rao residing at: No.203, Rathanidhi Bapuji Nagar, Nacharam, Hyderabad **5) Sri. Prathap Kunda** S/o Satyanarayana kunda No. 8-2-703/, Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500034.

PRE SALE STATUTORY NOTICE OF 30 DAYS UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 READ WITH SUB–SECTION (8) OF SECTION 13 SARFAESI ACT AMENDED AS ON DATE FOR FIRST E-PUBLIC/PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSET.

REF: REGARDING AUCTION SALE OF MORTGAGED PROPERTIES bearing converted land belongs to Sri C D Sanjay raj bearing Sy. No.38, B B M P Katha No.4129, (Sy. No.38,39) situated at Kasavan halli village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk PERTAINING TO YOUR LOAN ACCOUNT NO: TL9/19 availed in the name of M/s. Golden Gate Properties Pvt Ltd. at our Shankarmutt Road Branch, Shankarpuram, Bangalore- 560004.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We hereby intend to inform you that, we have given a credit facility of **Rs.13,00,00,000/-** (Rupees Thirteen Crores Only) and due to Non-Payment of agreed Installments/EMIs, your loan account has been declared Non-Performing Assets (NPA) as per guidelines of RBI, accordingly, we had issued a statutory demand notice Dated **03/06/2020** U/s 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, whereby we raised a demand of **Rs. 20,57,08,816/-** (Rupees Twenty Crores Fifty Seven Lakhs Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen Only) due and payable amount as on **31.05.2020** with further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of payment.

NOTICE is hereby given to inform you that we shall sell the mortgaged property bearing all that Piece and Parcel of the land with dwelling houses and outhouses, Wells, Trees and Drains thereon built and planted and situated and floors/outhouses hereinafter to be built, planted together with all rights and easements pertaining thereto and hereafter enjoyed and acquired bearing All that Piece and Parcel of the converted land belongs to Sri C D Sanjay raj bearing Sy. No.38, B B M P Katha No.4129, (Sy. No.38,39) situated at Kasavan halli village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now coming under BBMP Marathalli Sub-Division limits, measuring 2 acres and 35 Guntas and bounded on :- East by : Sy. No. 12 and Channel West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 39 and 40 North by: Land bearing Sy. No. 71/1 South by : K. Narayana Reddy's Land.

by conducting a e-auction/public auction sale after a period of 30 days from the date of this notice.

That in our capacity as a secured creditor, we are putting our efforts to sell the mortgaged property as per the provisions of SARFAESI Act in order to liquidate the contractual dues since you have failed to repay the Loan Amount as on date.

That in compliance of Rule 8 & 9 Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, we have fixed Reserve Price (RP) of the security/mortgaged property at **Rs.24,00,00,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Crores Only).

Please take notice that the secured asset mortgaged/charged to the **Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Op Bank Ltd.** as stated in the subject shall be sold by Public Auction/e-Auction to be held on **23.02.2021, Tuesday at 11.00 AM** office at # 109, Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Shankarmutt Road, Bangalore- 560004. (ph. 080-22956419/420) for further details, please visit in our branch and meet the authorized Officer.

In furtherance of this notice, you may approach us, for repayment of Loan amount including all costs expenses, further interest penalties, incidental and legal charges as per the Agreements/Mortgage deed and under Section 13(7) of the SARFAESI Act amended as on date and if repayment is made as above the property shall not be put-up for sale under the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002, However, in case you do not repay the total outstanding amount of Rs.22,85,29,849/-(Rupees Twenty Two Crores Eighty Five Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Nine Only) due and payable by you as on 31/12/2020 i.e at the time excluding the further interest, penal and legal charges after receiving this notice, Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Op Bank Ltd. being Secured Creditor shall proceed with the Public Auction/E-Auction for the sale of the property under the provisions of SARFAESI Act. amended as on date.

This NOTICE is being given to you in compliance of Rule 8 sub-rule 6 and Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 amended as on date.

No further notice shall be henceforth be given to you. A copy of this Notice has been kept in our branch for future records and references and same is also affixed at the conspicuous part of the mortgaged property in compliance of Rule 8(7) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The copy of this notice has been kept in the office records of the secured creditor along with the photographs of affixation of the said notice fort further reference.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 02.02.2021 **Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

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THE BHAVASARA KSHATRIYACO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Head Office: "Sahakara Sadana", No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053, Phone: 080-22972781/82

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ISSUED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited Bangalore had taken possession of the house properties described hereunder mortgaged to the Bank by way of security for repayment of immovable Property Loan availed by the respective borrowers mentioned here below, Notice of Auction of the secured assets is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the public in general, under Rules 8 & 9 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Details of the borrower, property, reserve price, etc, are as below

Sl No.	Borrower/s Name Branch Name	Property Address	Reserve Price & Amount Due to Bank	Public Auction Date, Time & Place
	HEAD OFFICE BRANCH			
1	Sri.C.N.Balakrishna No.2, 7th Cross, Vasanthappa Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-560 032.	No.2, Old No.19, (formed out of Survey number 39 of Gangenahall) PID No.98-32-2, 7th Cross, Vasanthappa Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-560 032. Measuring: East to West:29 feet, North to South: 23 feet, Bounded on the: East by: Drainage, West by :5 feet x 7 feet common passage and then 7th A Cross, North by : Private property, South by: Property Property.	Reserve Price Rs.52,08,000-00 Amount Due as on 10.03.2021 Rs.27,17,528-00	10.03.2021, at 11.30 am,No.2, Old No.19, (formed out of Survey number 39 of Gangenahall) PID No.98-32-2, 7th Cross, Vasanthappa Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-560 032.
2	1.Smt.Bhavani D. Christian 2.Sri.Vishwanahan M Both residing at No.19/20, 'C' Street, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Nagar, D.J.Halli, Arabic college Post, Bengaluru-560 045.	New BBMP No.20, Old portion of property New BBMP No.20, Old portion of property bearing No.2 in HL No.19, situated at "C" Street, Ambedkar Nagar, D J Halli, Bengaluru, (Previously known as Devarajeevanahalli village, kasaba hobli, Bengaluru north immovable taluk), Bengaluru presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.95 of Kavalbyrasandra with PID No.95-341-20 Measuring: East to West:15 feet, North to South: 40 feet, Bounded on the : East by: property No.20, West by :Remaining portion of No.2 in HL No.19, North by : Road, South by: Property No.26.	Reserve Price Rs.35,83,000-00 Amount Due as on 16.03.2021 Rs.24,64,191-00	16.03.2021, at 11.30 am New BBMP No.20, Old portion of property New BBMP No.20, Old portion of property bearing No.2 in HL No.19, situated at "C" Street, Ambedkar Nagar, D J Halli, Bengaluru,
3	1.Sri.Manjunath G 2.Sri.Yogesh M 3.Sri.Varun M No.618, 4th Cross, 7th Main, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040.	Immovable property bearing (Western Portion) bearing No.20/1-A Old No.77, situated at 3rd Cross, Hosahalli, Bengaluru, Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.34 of RPC Layout, with PID No.34-20-20/1-A, Measuring: East to West:18 feet, North to South: 40 feet, Bounded on the : East by: property No.77 (Remaining portion), West by :Property No.72, North by : 20 feet Road, South by: Conservancy Road.	Reserve Price Rs.55,65,840-00 Amount Due as on 18.03.2021 Rs.54,30,639-00	18.03.2021, at 11.30 am No.20/1-A Old No.77, situated at 3rd Cross, Hosahalli, Bengaluru, Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.34 of RPC Layout, with PID No.34-20-20/1-A
4	1.Smt.Rose Lumena Shanthi 2.Sri.M.Christy Robert No.46, New Cement Lance, Austin Town, Bengaluru-560 047.	No.46, situated at Cement Lance, Austin Town, Bengaluru-560 047, BBMP PID No.76-134-46, BBMP Old Ward No.76, New Ward No.111 Measuring: East to West:26 feet, North to South: 12 feet, Bounded on the : East by: Common Passage, West by :Property No.45, North by : Site No.48, South by: Site No.44	Reserve Price Rs.23,59,000-00 Amount Due as on 20.03.2021 Rs.3,99,211-00	20.03.2021, at 11.30 am No.46, situated at Cement Lance, Austin Town, Bengaluru-560 047, BBMP PID No.76-134-46, BBMP Old Ward No.76, New Ward No.111

Place of Auction: At the places mentioned in column no. 5
Date of Auction: As per details in column No.5 above and 'AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION'
Terms and Conditions:

1. To participate in the Auction, the intending bidders have to deposit a sum of Rs.25000-00 by way of DD as EMD favoring The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bengalore payable at Bangelore on the date of Auction before 10.30am.
2. The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount immediately on the same day and the balance of 75% within 15 days in single installment by way of DD as stated above. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount.
3. All other liabilities charges and expenses like legal charges, stamp duty, registration fee/cost etc. shall be borne by the purchaser only.
4. On receipt of the entire bid amount and on confirmation of sale the undersinged shall issue a Certificate of Sale in favor of the purchaser in the form given in the aforesaid Act.
5. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders would be returned without interest immediately on conclusion of the Auction.
6. The Undesigned shall have powers to include or exclude or accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof including addition or deletion of other terms.
7. For inspection of the property and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at Head Office during office hours between 10.00 AM and 5.00PM.
8. For further details contact The Assistant Manager of the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru
Date:03.02.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **(1) Sri B.S. Santhosh Kumar, (2) Sri B.S. Manjunath, (3) B.S. Gopinth,** all sons of Sathyanarayana, and **(4) Smt. Rajeshwari,** Wife of Sathyanarayana, residents of No.31/33, BEML 5th Stage Layout, R.R. Nagar, Bangalore-560098, are intending to purchase the Southern portion of the property bearing No.146, Subramanyapura Village, Khata No. 430, now coming within Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.184, presently Subramanyapura Village Khata No.466, property bearing No.146 situated at Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, described in the Schedule herein below and called as the schedule property. My clients intending to buy the schedule property from Sri A. Veera Mohan Raj, son of K. Anguchami, resident of Yadalamnagar, Subramanyapura Post, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560061. This is to notify the general public that if any person/s have any objections for my clients purchasing the schedule property, notify to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of the Notice. If no objections are forthcoming within the stipulated period, my clients shall proceed further in completing the sale transaction. Objections received after **15 days** will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Southern portion of the property bearing No. 146, Subramanyapura Village Khata No. 430, now coming within Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.184, presently Subramanyapura Village Khata No.466, property bearing No.146 situated at Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 15 feet, bounded on:

East by : Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by :** Northern portion of same property, **South by :** Private property

KO VIJAYAKUMAR, Advocate
No. 771, 60' Road, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, II Phase, Rarajeswarinagar, Bangalore-560078.

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The kin of journalist Siddique Kappan, who was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh police on October 5 while on his way to Hathras to report on the death of a Dalit girl, will stage a protest in front of the collectorate on February 9, said a group of of journalists working for his release.

K'taka farmers reach Ghazipur border, Kodihalli meets Tikait

4,000 protesters from state to join ongoing agitation after February 6

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

A DELEGATION of farmers from Karnataka, led by president of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene Kodihalli Chandrashekhar, arrived at the Ghazipur border outside Delhi on Thursday to show solidarity with the ongoing farmers' protest. Chandrashekhar met Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait and addressed protesting farmers, assuring them of full support to the protest against the farm bills by their Karnataka counterparts. He added that some 4,000 farmers from Karnataka will join the protests at New Delhi borders after February 6.

"On February 6, farmer unions have given a call for highway blockade protest (Chakka Jam). In Karnataka, too, farmers will respond to this call and protest against the farm bills. After that protest on February 6, farmers from Karnataka will arrive in batches to join protests at various sites of Tikri, Singhu and Ghazipur," Chandrashekhar told *TNIE*. "Karnataka farmers are firmly behind you in this protest against the Union Government's farm bills. We will join you in protest to demand that the laws should be withdrawn," he said in his address to farmers at Ghazipur.

"We will have to go in batches because the government is keen on stopping more farmers from travelling en masse. We are paying for our own train tickets and going to participate in the protests. The situation at Singhu and Tikri is worse for farmers," he added.

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HD Deve Gowda, JDS supremo

In Karnataka, too, farmers will respond to this call and protest against the farm bills
Kodihalli Chandrashekhar, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha chief

'Walls won't solve problems'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda on Thursday raised the issue of farmers' protest in the Rajya Sabha during his motion of thanks on President's speech. The JDS supremo and Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka implored the Union Government to hold talks with protesting farmers instead of building concrete walls. While joining the other Opposition parties in condemning the violence that broke out on January 26, Gowda added that the government should not punish farmers for the actions of a few miscreants.

"I am in the last leg of my life. I demand that the government end this matter peacefully. Let them call for a meeting with farmers' delegation. Some leaders of this House can also join and we will give our suggestions to close this matter. Else, things won't run smoothly. Government thinks punishing them will solve issues. But farmers are not responsible for what happened on January 26," Gowda said.

He highlighted that the farm laws were a State subject and the Centre should have sought State's concurrence first. "The contention is about the three Bills enacted by the House, although on that day there were no proper proceedings conducted as the House was not in order," Gowda said at the beginning of his 18-minute speech. The former PM asked the House what was the next plan now that the Bills have been kept on hold due to the Apex court's orders.

Even as he said some of the schemes introduced in the last six years by the Narendra Modi government have seen some results, he asked the Prime Minister to take up the matter of linking Cauvery and Mahanadhi rivers to provide a permanent solution to farmers of Karnataka.

HOLY COW!

TTD chairman YV Subbareddy participates in the Gudiko Gomatha programme in Vijayawada on Thursday | EXPRESS

Nadda to Kerala party leaders: Fight united, listen to workers

SOVI VIDYADHARAN @ T'Puram

A DAY after he took dissidents into confidence, BJP national president J P Nadda, who was in Kerala on a two-day visit, emphasised the importance of fighting the assembly elections united and the need for the state leadership to be accommodative to the demands from those within the party.

Sources told *TNIE* that Nadda presented a macro-level picture of the upcoming elections before the state office-bearers and in-charges of assembly constituencies during his address in Thrissur on Thursday. Prior to it, national general secretary (organisation), B L Santhosh, briefed the meeting about the micro-level organisational strategy to be adopted for the elections.

Nadda cited the analogy of an aircraft pilot attempting a take-off. Unless several technical factors are taken into account and addressed, the pilot will not be able to ensure a smooth take-off, he told the meeting.

The analogy is seen as Nadda's indirect message to the state leadership to iron out various organisational issues before the elections.

Nadda had admitted on Wednesday that dissidence in the party was being looked into. Following his assurance, state vice-president Sobha Surendran, who has been keeping away from party functions, attended the party meeting and also the public meeting later in the day.

During a joint core group meeting between the BJP and the RSS recently, the Sangh fountainhead had told the party to accommodate Sobha and other sidelined leaders. The RSS leadership is understood to have told the party that Sobha's absence from the campaign scene during the local body elections had hampered the party's prospects.

LDF most corrupt govt in state's history: DKS

Kozhikode: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee chief D K Shivakumar said the present dispensation is the most corrupt government in the history of the state. Addressing the valedictory function of the 'Aishwarya Kerala Yathra' in the district, he claimed that as per AICC survey, the UDF will bag 80 per cent of the total seats in the upcoming assembly polls. ENS

(Left) Raksha Ramaiah and Mohammed Nalapad | EXPRESS

Raksha new Youth Cong president

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THE Karnataka Youth Congress has a new president, Raksha Ramaiah, son of former Congress minister M R Seetharam.

Raksha Ramaiah, who was earlier with the social media department of the party, was locked in a triangular fight with Mohammed Nalapad and H S Manjunath, with voters casting their ballots online for the first time, in a poll spread over three days. Elections were held in the second week of January, and the results are being announced after about three weeks.

Raksha Ramaiah, who got around 57,000 votes, was declared president though Mohammed Nalapad got around 64,000 votes, while H S Manjunath got only 18,000-plus votes.

Nalapad's supporters raised strong objections because he received the higher number of votes, and sought to know on what grounds he had lost. They also criticised certain senior members of the party who they alleged had sabotaged the election process. It is said that many of Nalapad's votes were disqualified.

KPCC president D K Shivakumar told *TNIE* that he stands by whatever the party's final decision.

Nalapad said that the party may have taken this decision because a case was pending against him. "I know I have won because I got the largest number of votes," he told *TNIE*, "I respect the Congress party."

Legislative Council chairman resigns

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Legislative Council Chairman K Pratap Chandra Shetty resigned from his post on Thursday. The BJP had moved a no-confidence motion against him during the winter session after gaining the upper hand in the Council. However, the process turned messy with the council witnessing unpleasant events on December 15.

When the joint session started in the last week of January, the BJP, which found that the chairman was resigning himself, had not pressed for a discussion on the no-confidence motion. On Thursday evening, Shetty announced his resignation in the House.

In his exit speech, he said, "Though it is a reality that democracy runs on numbers, it is important that the decisions made in the House should be for the people. I believe that all decisions I made from the chair were in the favour of the people. Unfortunately, such decisions raised questions on the credibility of this chair and I am hurt by it.

"I am deeply pained that an untoward incident took place in the House during my tenure due to the numbers game. However, it was my 'Rajadharma' to face it legally when the credibility of the chair was questioned. Now, we are all aware of what happened and we have to bow our heads before people for that. Hence, I apologise to the people of the state from the chair. We all should introspect and ensure that such incidents won't repeat in the House," he said.

Shetty said that he had informed the Governor in writing about the incidents that took place during the Winter Session and on December 15. "I hope that the Governor has taken appropriate action".

"I am relieved as my responsibility is over. Technically, I have time till the next session to prove a majority. However, I have given importance to morality and values throughout my life. Not giving way for any unnecessary discussion, I am resigning from the Chairman's post," Shetty said.

K Pratap Chandra Shetty attends the Legislative Council session in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Vijayendra not in bypoll race, BJP team list out

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

THE BJP on Thursday evening released a list of in-charges for the upcoming bypolls in two assembly seats and one parliamentary seat in Karnataka. State Unit Vice-President and Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's son **B Y Vijayendra**, who was hoping to contest from Basavakalyan assembly seat, has been named as one of the in-charges for Maski assembly seat. With this development, Vijayendra's probability of contesting as a candidate seems unlikely.

The party has named 21 in-charges, including deputy chief ministers, ministers, legislators and party office-bearers for the three bypoll-bound seats. Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, ministers V Somanna, Basavaraj Bommai, MP Bhagawant Khuba, State Vice-President Malikayya Guttedar, MLA Rajkumar Patil Telkar and leaders Eshwar Singh Thakur and Amarnath Patil have been appointed in-charges for Basavakalyan. The seat, previously held by the Congress, fell vacant after MLA B Narayana Rao passed away due to Covid-19.

In Maski, whose previous MLA Pratapgouda Patil was disqualified under the anti-defection law and joined the BJP along with a host of rebel legislators from Congress and JDS in 2019, the BJP has appointed minister B Sriramulu, MLC and State General Secretary N Ravikumar, Vijayendra, leaders Nemiraj Naik, Narasimha Nayak (Raju Gouda) and Dr Shivaraj Patil as in-charges.

For Belagavi parliamentary seat that fell vacant following the demise of Union minister Suresh Angadi due to Covid-19, the BJP state unit has appointed ministers Jagadish Shettar, Umesh Katti, Ramesh Jarkiholi, Shashikala Jolle, Union minister Pralhad Joshi, leaders Mahesh Tenginakai and Basavaraj Yankanchi as in-charges.

The national leadership of the party earlier this week announced election in-charges for three states and one Union Territory awaiting elections -- Kerala, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

FOR THE LORD

Seegra Darshan tickets in RTC buses soon

ENS @Vijayawada

THE Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has decided to make 1,000 Seegra Darshan tickets (₹300) available per day in RTC buses for the convenience of pilgrims, said APSRTC Vice-Chairman and Managing Director RP Thakur. He said on Thursday that the APSRTC is operating about 650 buses to Tirupati from various parts of the State. Pilgrims going to Tirumala by RTC buses need to pay ₹300 extra for getting Seegra Darshan tickets, which will be available in the bus itself from 11 am to 4 pm. At Tirumala bus station, RTC supervisors will guide the pilgrims for Seegra Darshan, he informed.

The RTC MD urged pilgrims to make use of the facility to have hassle-free darshan at Tirumala temple. The initiative will be more convenient to pilgrims visiting Tirumala from Bengaluru, Chennai, Kanchipuram, Vellore, Nellore, Pondicherry, Hyderabad and other major cities, he said.

Illegal mining: Lokayukta orders probe

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THE Karnataka Lokayukta has directed the Mines and Geology Department and Deputy Commissioners of all districts to conduct a thorough investigation into illegal mining operations and take immediate steps to prevent the same.

Lokayukta Justice P Vishwanatha Shetty has also directed the Additional Director General of Police, Lokayukta, to have an independent investigation carried out in all districts. Referring to an order passed by him recently to probe the illegal quarrying at Hunasodu village in Shivamogga district, the Lokayukta extended the scope of investigation to other districts too. "It is needless to point out that the concerned authorities are required to take immediate steps to stop illegal mining operations, including sand mining and stone quarrying that is being carried out in the districts, by taking immediate appropriate legal action, including filing of criminal cases and steps for recovery of royalty, imposition of penalty in terms of the Act and the Rules governed," the Lokayukta said in the order.

He also directed ADGP, Karnataka Lokayukta, to instruct the concerned district SP or Deputy SP of Karnataka Lokayukta to get an independent investigation done into illegal mining and submit the report by March 30, 2021. "The DCs are directed to submit the report in respect of action taken on the matters. It is needless to point out that all the concerned officers/authorities of the respective districts are required to cooperate with the District Administration in the matter of investigation and also with the Lokayukta Police," the Lokayukta added.

IN THE HC

Securities in coffee plantations can be enforced for debt recovery: HC

THE Karnataka HC ruled that financial institutions can enforce securities created in coffee plantations to recover debt as planations do not under the ambit of agricultural land under Section 31(i) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (SARFAESI Act) in Karnataka. A division bench of Chief Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy passed the order while disposing of two separate writ appeals filed by UM Ramesh Rao, Vijayadevan Coffee Estate and the Yellikudige Estate in Chikkamagaluru, and SSJV Projects Private Limited and Manohar Murthy. They filed the appeals against the orders passed on their pleas questioning the proceedings initiated by Union Bank of India and Allahabad Bank for recovering debts. The court said that plantations are not considered agricultural land under SARFAESI Act. Hence, banks can enforce the security created on such lands.

Sasikala flag row: AIADMK files complaint

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

IN yet another turn of events ahead of VK Sasikala's return to Tamil Nadu, the ruling AIADMK on Thursday approached the State Police to prevent her from using the party flag during her travel into the State. AIADMK presidium chairman, E Madhusudanan, accompanied by senior ministers, CVe Shanmugam and D Jayakumar, and party's deputy coordinators, KP Munusamy and R Vaithilingam, visited the DGP office on Thursday and lodged a complaint.

Speaking to media persons, Munusamy said that Sasikala had used the AIADMK flag when she was discharged from the Bengaluru hospital. He added that she had no moral rights to use that flag since it could only be used by the AIADMK functionaries and cadre. "To prevent a recurrence of such usage by her, our presidium chairman has filed this complaint," said Munusamy.

When asked whether Sasikala had been officially removed from the AIADMK, and if a party law forbids others from using its flag, Munusamy said, "Sasikala Natarajan is not a member of the AIADMK. As such, why should we remove her from the party when she has failed to renew her membership once every five years like every other cadre.

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— Ramnath Goenka

NUANCING OUR RESPONSE AS SUPPORT TO FARMERS' AGITATION GOES GLOBAL

The Centre needlessly hyperventilated to dismiss the likes of Rihanna, Greta Thunberg and Meena Harris, who have supported the ongoing farmers' protests, as mere pinpricks. After all, foreign policy, diplomacy and international relations are not and will never be shaped by the views of celebrities, however huge their following is on social media. But when the US government weighs in on the biggest challenge the Narendra Modi government has so far faced, as it did in the early hours of Thursday, it is time to take note and not be dismissive of international opinion. In the first reaction to the protests, the Biden administration gave a very nuanced view. While it supported the reforms to make the markets more efficient and stressed on the need for peaceful protests, it questioned the internet crackdown and called for a dialogue to resolve the deadlock. The Biden administration is most likely to be very different from Donald Trump's. During this month last year, the former President was visiting India when parts of Delhi were engulfed in the worst communal riots since 1984, yet he chose to ignore the violence as one of India's internal affairs. But the new US government is unlikely to be a mute spectator to events that impinge on human rights, religious tolerance, free speech and an independent media. This does not mean that only such issues will underpin Indo-US relations in the coming years. The relationship will more likely depend on geopolitical, strategic, commerce and business needs. So while South Block mandarins need not be overly concerned at the US comments, they cannot be ignored either.

Going forward, the government needs to make another sincere attempt at breaking the ice. The strategy to tire out the protesters or paint them as anti-national has not worked. It could agree to a structured, standalone debate in Parliament to discuss the issue threadbare, based on which it could go back to the farmers with a new offer that is qualitatively different from the ones on the table so far. The biggest learning for the Centre would be to not rush future legislations through—however sound they might be—in Parliament based on its brute majority, else they would be blocked on the streets with copycat protests.

ODISHA AND THE FUTURE OF MAHANADI

The Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal's tenure is slated to end in two months and the focus is back on the water war between Odisha and Chhattisgarh. As the state's Budget approaches, opposition parties have trained their guns at the ruling BJD government. The BJP has demanded a white paper while the Congress sought an all-party meeting to discuss the matter that was a raging issue before the 2017 panchayat elections. As the then BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh government constructed several barrages upstream of the river, stirring intense controversy over water scarcity in Odisha, both the BJD and Congress exploited it. After the Centre constituted the tribunal in 2018, the issue has been on the political backburner, but modern Indian history shows that river water disputes can never be a quiet affair.

Senior BJP leader Bijoy Mohapatra recently kicked off the debate by claiming that water in the Mahanadi and its tributaries have already started drying up in the non-monsoon season and said he feared for the worst in the approaching summers. In one of its recent affidavits, the Odisha government stated that Chhattisgarh is blocking excess water upstream of the river despite a tripartite agreement on it. The matter snowballed into a political fight four years ago when the Odisha government was jolted out of its slumber by Chhattisgarh's Mahanadi water utilisation plans for irrigation and industries. In response, the Odisha regime made several announcements to conserve and store the river's water downstream through a spate of projects, but there has been very little progress on the ground. Hence, the apprehensions about availability of water in the state could be a reality sooner rather than later.

Despite a change in the political dispensation in Chhattisgarh, very little has happened on the water-sharing front. There is now a demand from the opposition for flagging the issue in Parliament so that the tribunal's tenure can be extended. However, it is up to the Odisha government to show that it really cares for the future of Mahanadi and the millions who depend on its water for life and livelihood. It must keep its word and firm up the water storage plans.

Jaishankar deemed it fit to issue a Twitter demarche to the global celeb activists himself. The post-Trump world order can wait. So can the Chinese headache

WHO'S AFRAID OF RIHANNA, WE HAVE KANGANA!

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA

Resident Editor, Karnataka, *The New Indian Express*

AMIT BANDRE

Sorry, I disagree. Bigly. Who is Rihanna? Okay, 100 million followers on Twitter! That's tough (we need that grimacing emoji here). Amitabh Bachchan has only 40 million, even our PM has only 65 million, but hey, what's a hundred million for a country of a thousand million, with another forty as loose cash? Okay, so she's from Barbados. The only Barbadian we know without a Google search is Sir Garfield Sobers, the first cricketer to have hit six sixes in a row, in a single over. Our only connect with that sphere of the globe is cricket, and that's a dirty bequest of British colonialism. Down with cricket! Sorry, Rihanna. Who is she to attempt a Twitter sixer against India? With a simple flipper, our foreign minister had her caught at silly point. Did she even do a Google search on where Punjab and Haryana are? What does she know about Indian farming? Beyond that VatiCNN story? Has she seen Manoj Kumar's films? We certainly googled her three generations, and thoroughly agree with her on only one point. She indeed is a 'Good girl gone bad...'

S Jaishankar led the bowling attack with such aplomb. Such utterly 'motivated campaigns' won't work on 'this India', he said. (Our Foreign Office must forthwith issue a non-paper to explain that phrase. If this is 'this India', where is 'that India'? Aren't we a civilisational state with a continuity traceable back to the dawn of humanity and human thought?) Those internal debates apart, Rihanna, without being named, got a Twitterful. Or was it Kamala Harris's niece, Meena Harris, who raised our foreign minister's erudite hackles with a similarly hashtagged solidarity tweet? Anyway, he deemed it fit to issue a Twitter demarche to the global celeb activist Twitterati himself, leaving aside the more weighty, pressing issues of diplomacy. The swiftly changing, post-Trump world order can wait. So can the Chinese headache, which no tiger balm is able to take away anyway, and the sudden offer of coexistence by the Pakistan army chief (it has to be a Trojan horse of some sort, never trust these Pakistanis). Oh yes, his office managed to issue a cautionary note on the latest Myanmar coup and Aung San Suu Kyi's incarceration, and also remind Sri Lanka of devolution of power. So a little diversion from mundane duty could be allowed. This was a higher calling. So he did not even wait for the text of #IndiaStandsUnited to be sent to our Bharat Ratnas—from Tendulkar to Mangeshkar—and a few Akshay Kumars and Karan Johars thrown in for good measure. Soon, an avalanche of tweets flowed in consonance, safeguarding India's sovereignty. And that's not counting Kangana Ranaut, whose favourite pastime is to insult and inflict acid tweets on whoever she chooses (Mahatma Gandhi too was not spared, for being on the wrong side of Godse.) With our Praetorian Guard taking guard, who do we have to fear?

The biggest culprit among those out to defame India, a teen called Greta Thunberg, has been rightly booked for criminal conspiracy against the Indian state. She was trying to drum up global support for the agitating Indian farmers. The Google document she was caught circulating through her Twitter handle gives the game away—indeed, an international left-wing conspiracy. Maybe that unicorn called Chrislamocommia actually lives. For, who walked in as the next batsman? Joe Biden himself! Cynics will say, "Look, even America has issued a statement." But look at the statement. "We encourage dialogue." Even Joe Biden batted so carefully. It must be Jaishankar's guileful spin bowling. Wait, all Indian movements—from the one for Independence to the one against Emergency, and later the anti-corruption agitation—have relied on international opinion and backing was always sought from solidarity groups. But it must have been in 'that India', thank god. 'This India' is a very image-conscious, no-nonsense type. It does not brook global nonsense peddlers. Nor did Indira Gandhi. Strong leaders with mass appeal believe in strong responses.

> The only Barbadian we know without a Google search is Sir Garfield Sobers. Our only connect with that sphere of the globe is cricket, and that's a dirty bequest of British colonialism. Down with cricket!

The Delhi Police, therefore, has planted strips of horrific-looking spikes around the borders at Tikri, Ghazipur and Singhu, to stop the Indian farmers from ploughing through our strong polity. Now even local SHOs know all about the global conspiracy behind the farmer protests. If India has her way, Thunberg must forget about winning the Peace Nobel or any such thing. Better still, she could just forget all about this ethical hacktivism baloney. Barbadian pop stars and Swedish teenagers won't write the India story. Not while the 'new' New Delhi is around. It's a global power now. Whoever is in the White House—whether it's that Boogaloo Boi with wavy blond hair we wanted to continue, or Amtrak Joe—is our friend. The errant farmers must be pulled up for putting us through all this trauma. See how they made Delhi look like a police state, all concrete barricades and concertina wires and hitherto unseen spikes laid out like a red carpet. It's Ghazipur, for god's sake, not Gaza! All that the farmers had to do was accept the government's offer that the laws would be kept in abeyance, or that individual states would decide if they want the three farm laws or not. Not try to turn into super-legislators. Then we would have been saved all this hungama, from Stockholm to Singhu, from Barbados to Baghpat.

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THE STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF INDIA'S CRICKET SYSTEM

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India and England square off in a Test series (starting today) that has the entire cricket world in rapt attention. There is the rubber at stake and in the backdrop is a place in the World Test Championship finals, which is no less significant for both teams. Skipper Virat Kohli's return to the side considerably bolsters India's prospects. However, Mohammed Shami and Ravindra Jadeja are still recovering from fractures suffered in Australia, which means the team is not at full strength.

Some critics aver India will win by a thumping margin. However, sport has a way of showing up such predictions as folly. In 2012-13, for instance, England won the series 2-1 despite losing the first Test. I'll abide by prudence and keep my fingers crossed.

But what one can say without doubt is that India's extraordinary performance in the Test series against Australia showed the strength and depth of the country's cricket system. Even the most diehard supporters of Indian cricket could not have expected such a major turnaround after the first Test debacle when the team was bowled out for a paltry 36. Add to that the spate of injuries to key players. A severely handicapped Indian team looked easy pickings for Australia at a venue where they hadn't lost a match since 1988, but India pulled off a stirring win at Brisbane with a clutch of inexperienced players.

The success of bowlers Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Navdeep Saini, Washington Sundar and T Natarajan—with a combined experience of four Tests!—along with the batting exploits of 22-year-olds Shubman Gill (playing only his third Test) and Rishabh Pant in the last match evoked awe and admiration all over the cricket universe. The body language of these novices was strong, skill quotient high, and resilience and ambition abundantly evident. If anything, they played like seasoned pros, which surprised fans and experts alike, and bewildered the Aussies.

How this was possible has been a subject of intrigue and intense debate since. There is no hard evidence of what specifically worked, but some interesting cues have emerged, the most telling of these from a tweet by Pakistani cricket statistician Mazher Arshad after the amazing Brisbane win.

Since 2010, Arshad mentioned in his tweet, India A have played 52 first-class matches, the most by any country. Among young players on the Australia tour, Siraj had played 16 A matches, Saini 14, Hanuma Vihari 12, Mayank Agarwal 10, Gill eight, Prithvi Shaw five and Pant four, which is a very important factoid. It highlights that these rookies actually have had good exposure at the first-class level, including overseas. All these players, for instance, had played in Australia earlier, which possibly explains why India didn't suffer the absence of established players too much. It is pertinent that Jasprit Bumrah, Shardul Thakur and Umesh Yadav all had five-wicket hauls in Australia playing for India A between 2014 and 2016, so it's not just the Siraj-Pant generation that has benefited.

What's also helped enormously in the past few years is Rahul Dravid's influence as mentor-coach at this level. Dravid's presence not only reduced stage fright among India's young cricketers, but also helped hone their skills and make them temperamentally sturdier. This was evident in Australia in 2018 and even more so in 2020-21.

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Irrespective of mentor/coach at this level, the pattern has been set, which is a boon for Indian cricket. But what happens on either side of the India A tours is no less important in building up the heft of the nation's cricket currently. All state associations have junior level fixtures like the Cooch Behar and Vinoo Mankad Trophies (under-19 age group), as also the inter-collegiate Dr Yagnik Trophy. These are hard-fought and provide excellent grounding for budding cricketers.

The hunt for talent is intensive and deep. Players even from mofussil areas are being sourced and nurtured. Barring a few, players on the recent tour of Australia were not from traditional cricket centres.

Better infrastructure, coaching and training facilities have not only expanded the base of young cricketers manifold, but fuelled ambition to aim higher. India's impressive record in the under-19 World Cups in the past couple of decades shows how this has been a feeder pipeline for national teams.

Some members of the current team who have come through the under-19 ranks include Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane, Jadeja and Sundar.

And then there is the IPL. For a long while derided as something that would prove destructive to Indian cricket—for technique and hubris—it has actually been a positive influence. The prospects of making decent financial livelihood gets young players to strive harder and become more competitive. More significantly, what the IPL does is expose India's players, especially the young ones, to outstanding overseas and domestic talent as teammates or rivals, which would otherwise have been impossible.

For instance, Siraj has so much more opportunity to learn from Kohli (on how batsmen think) and Dale Steyn (on how to bowl to top-notch batsmen) as they play for the same team in the IPL. Gill has a chance to understand how outstanding fast bowlers like Pat Cummins think in a crisis, which they may discuss as IPL teammates.

This transfer of information and expertise leads to mitigating fear of mighty reputations and performing on big occasions, very important to succeed at the highest level. Overseas players gain too, but evidence suggests it has helped Indian cricket greater.

This does not mean everything about Indian cricket is hunky-dory. Several issues need attention, notably the BCCI's administration in light of the long-standing Lodha Committee recommendation. This has reached an impasse and needs to be resolved ASAP.

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No understanding of our laws

This is with reference to *Rihanna, Thunberg build Twitter storm* (Feb 4). The tweeters are commenting without understanding the farm laws. This is anti-India propaganda and should not be used by parties here for political purposes.
O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Silent on China

It's strange to see a few celebrities making adverse comments on Indian democracy based on some biased media reports. One fails to understand their sudden interest in the matter while having chosen to remain silent on happenings in other parts of the world, especially in China. There seems to be more than what meets the eye as these people are echoing the voices of a few opposition leaders of the country.
R Sriramprasad, Bengaluru

Interconnected world

Rihanna's tweet might be triggering for a few but we should not forget the fact that we are a part of an interconnected world. It is okay to not support the protests but criticising international figures insensitively is in contrast to our belief in '*vasudhaiva kutumbakam*'.
Manisha S, Palakkad

Dubious global players

The farmers' protest started with the sole aim of pressurising the Centre to repeal the three farm laws that they felt were against their interest. As days went by, opportunistic opposition parties and other anti-government elements infiltrated the agitation. Even though the protests had a genuine beginning, it has become nasty with the intervention of dubious international players.
Ravi Mannethu, Pullad

Our internal matter

Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has rightly said that the happenings in our country are our internal matter. Other Indian stars soon followed suit. The MEA has also reacted strongly to the remarks of some international celebrities, as they have not taken the trouble to understand the issues and ascertain the facts.
M Pradyu, Kannur

Legends disappointed us

The protests by Indian farmers have been going on for over two months. It was an internal affair then. But no celebrities or stars commented on it. Suddenly when a foreigner spoke about this, our celebrities criticised it. It is disappointing when remarks like these come from the legends that we love.
Jaseem C K, Kozhikode

Kudos to Sachin

In response to some foreign meddlers, Sachin has hit a six telling them not to interfere in our great country's matters.
N Balasundar, Kochi

Unbecoming of Centre

The Union government has tried to convert protest sites into open prisons, suspended the internet in some places and arrested protestors. This is unbecoming of it. The Congress was wiped out after the Anna Hazare agitation. The BJP ought to be mindful of this.
Deepak Singhal, Noida

Ignored high inflation

The Budget is disappointing. There is no relief for the common man. The Union finance minister has completely ignored the high inflation.
K L Rao, Visakhapatnam

Infrastructure vital

The Budget is not always about managing the economy. It can also be about the political optics. By announcing a massive infrastructure plan for the poll-bound states, the FM has sent a clear political message at a time when the BJP has raised its stakes in the coming round of Assembly polls. Notwithstanding political gains, infrastructure is vital for the development of any nation as it helps in economic growth and job creation.
R Sivakumar, Chennai

Uncivilised remarks

What Congress leader K Sudhakaran said about Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan was not only derogatory but utterly uncivilised. An aspirant for the post of Congress president in the state, he should have exercised care while speaking.
Aravindaksha Menon, Pattambi

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
Anguished by the BJP's cruelty to farmers, a period of resignations has begun in the BJP

Dr Harsh Vardhan @drharshvardhan
Mr @ArvindKejriwalji means - No Rule, No Commitment, But Adjustment

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Modi government has enough time to coerce, arrange actors and players to tweet under its hashtag but not enough time to listen to farmers

DIFFICULTIES WELL-HANDLED. BUT....

The high infra and other spend in the budget, applauded by all, is precisely because Modi-2.0 did not go overboard in its stimulus spend like others did

THE predictable hostile comments from die-hard political opponents apart, a wide spectrum of neutral opinion has welcomed the Budget 2021-22 presented by the Modi 2.0 regime. The media celebrated it and so did a wide spectrum of independent and expert opinion makers. A respected ex-RBI governor hailed it as "A reasonably good performance". Nirmala Seetharaman's Budget has definitely passed the test of public opinion. The public discourse endorses that an unbelievably difficult situation, within and outside India, has been well-handled by the framers of the Budget.

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Performance, not just promise

The Budget 2021-22 with a vision and mission for the entire tenure of Modi 2.0 is not just an annual affair. Modi transformed the shelf life of Budget ideas to five years. That was how the huge deliveries conceived in the individual Budgets could be achieved in Modi 1.0. This was a paradigm shift from the 25-year coalition politics from 1989. The scale of deliveries in Modi 1.0 — 9 crore toilets, 6 crore gas connections, 1.5 crore homes, 35 crore Jan Dhan bank accounts, Direct Benefit Transfer of ₹6.32 lakh crore, doubling road building per day, to mention just a few — was not possible just because of the majority it commanded, but by taking them to a level no leader thought possible till Modi arrived on the scene. Till his advent, Budget speeches were regarded as a list of promises. Behind this change of paradigm was a determined and courageous government that had the will to risk its political capital for what it believed in, be it in politics or economics. It is the outcome of the huge cleansing and development work that the Modi 1.0 regime did — from implementing the toughest idea of demonetisation, which organised the economy like no other single decision, doubling the number of income tax taxpayers, lifting the tax-to-GDP ratio from 9% to 11.4% or the GST law. Modi 2.0, too, started with a bang on the health front by scaling up the PM health insurance scheme to almost 50 crore beneficiaries, with over 1 crore hospital admissions under the scheme.

However, not all factors that make or mar growth fall within the ambit of the Budget. It needs a helicopter view to track the hidden risks outside the radar of the Budget that can trap the government and the entire economy into non-performance. And before that, a couple of quick comments on the Budget.

More on hard math, less on extras

The disaster that preceded the Budget 2021-22 is still not over. The Covid pandemic involved indefinite amounts of stimulus, for indefinite periods of time. But standing up to all criticism, the Modi 2.0 dispensation chose to be less generous in its handout while the world around was profligate. That was a difficult but well made choice as, one, the government did not know how long the disaster would last and how much more handout would be needed; and, two, if the disaster subsided, how much investment would be needed for the recovery. Team Modi seems to have reserved its energies for both options. The high infra and other spends in the Budget, applauded by all, is precisely because Modi 2.0 did not go overboard in its stimulus spend like the others did. This showed how a strong-willed leader could resist the temptation of being generous at the cost of the greater good.

The Budget has cautiously, perhaps purposefully, underestimated the revenues. The projected GST revenue for 2021-22 is far less than the monthly average GST revenue for the last quarter of 2020. With the nominal GDP projected to grow at 14.4%, the GST revenue for the coming year should be higher by like amount. Why then the deliberate under-projection? What if the seemingly ambitious divestment target of Rs 1.75 lakh crore is underachieved? The idea seems to be that underestimation of the revenue would make up for it. The Budget rests more on hard math than on extra items.

DFS needs expansion

The decision to set up a Development Finance Institution (DFI) for infrastructure financing is perhaps the most welcome, but least celebrated aspect of the Budget proposals. But, to limit it only to infrastructure financing is not a great idea. It should be extended and expanded for all long term loans for large businesses. Industrial financing by banks has crashed in recent years because commercial banks are not best suited for that. The credit to industry by the Indian banking system has remained static in absolute numbers for over five years, from 2015-16 to end-2020. When development finance institutions like the IDBI, IFCI and ICICI were funding the term loans, the commercial banks provided working capital credit. In 1995, the share of term loans in bank portfolios was just about 17% and working capital 83%. After IDBI and ICICI became banks, the commercial banks' share of term loans shot up to 47% in 2005 and now it is 57%. The term loans are the root cause of the Non Performing Asset (NPA) pandemic of banks.

Theoretically, term loans are borrowal into future growth and they will be affected by adverse business cycles. Failure to pay the term loan instalment does automatically mean the business is bankrupt, but only that the current generation is inadequate to pay for the future. It is a liquidity issue, not a solvency issue. But contemporary prudential norms have turned this liquidity issue into a solvency issue and made provisioning compulsory. The results are: one, the borrower who has defaulted is disqualified by the entire banking system, which will proceed for recovery; and two, the provisioning by banks against viable loans eats into the banks' ability to lend. This kind of prudential rule is designed by the equity-led Anglo-Saxon economies and is inappropriate for an economy that is bank-led like in India. DFIs are better suited to handle the overdue problems associated with term loans than commercial banks. The reason is that when commercial banks with short term funds lend on a long term basis, there arises an asset-liability maturity mismatch. They cannot bear the stress of default. But the DFI, which will have no short term liabilities, will deal with defaults more comfortably. Had the IDBI and ICICI continued to be DFIs, much of the current NPA issues could have been avoided. Without doubt, there is a clear case to expand the DFI to all industrial term loans. Alternatively, a consortium of banks may form a DFI to term lend for non-infrastructure businesses.

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Off-Budget danger

Most commentators agree that the philosophy and pillars of the Budget are well constructed for high growth. The huge investment proposed in the Budget through borrowing, banks on growth. But an off-Budget risk can sink the Budget and the growth. Here is a clue to that impending risk. The State of the Economy report of the RBI (21.1.2021) warns that the Gross Non Performing Assets (GNPA) of all commercial banks, which had come down from 9.2% in December 2019 to 7.5% in September 2020 may rise to 13.5% in September 2021 in the baseline scenario, and in the worse case, to 14.8%. In such an event, if RBI applies the sledgehammer Raghuram Rajan formula of 2015-16 to deal with the situation, it will impact the growth on which the Budget rests. The Modi 2.0 regime needs only to recall what happened to its rising growth trajectory in Modi 1.0 when the RBI pressed a break on the credit side of the banks by suddenly invoking prudential rules that compelled the banks to make fast track provisions for past bad loans. The adverse impact of such rules could be absorbed by the Indian economy in favourable global and Indian conditions preceding the Covid disaster. But a repeat of such adversity when the Covid-hit economy desperately needs a steep upward swing — ambitious V-shape recovery — can switch off the growth to cause an engine failure when a plane takes off. To comprehend the possibility of the off-Budget risk and on how to deal with it, await the next part, "What can torpedo the Budget and economy."

EXPRESS READ

NCW moves SC over 'skin-to-skin' contact

New Delhi: The NCW has moved the Supreme Court challenging the Bombay High Court verdict which had said that groping a minor's breast without "skin-to-skin contact" cannot be termed as sexual assault as defined under the POCSO Act. A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde had on January 27 stayed the HC's verdict after AG had said that the judgment was 'unprecedented' and may set a 'dangerous precedent.'

MEA: Onus on Pak to create amicable environment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A day after Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Bajwa seemed to extend a hand of friendship to India, New Delhi on Thursday said that the onus was on Pakistan to create an amicable environment.

"Our position is well-known. India desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan in an environment free of terror, hostility and violence. The onus is on Pakistan for creating such an environment," ministry of external affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

On Tuesday, Bajwa had said it was time to extend a hand of peace in all directions. The comments were perceived to be aimed at India and were in contrast against his statement against New Delhi in the aftermath of surgical strikes and the abrogation of Article 370.

"Pakistan and India must also resolve the longstanding issue of Jammu and Kashmir in a dignified and peaceful manner as per the aspirations of people of Jammu and Kashmir and bring this human tragedy to its logical conclusion," Bajwa said.

The ties with Pakistan came under severe strain after India's war planes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Balakot in 2019 in response to the Pulwama attack. The relations further deteriorated after India in August 2019 announced withdrawing special powers of J&K.

Media watcher to track cases against journalists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Editors Guild of India launched a media watcher which will track cases of media professionals being targeted for fulfilling their journalistic responsibilities. This comes amid FIRs being lodged against journalists for their reporting on January 26 tractor rally of farmers, and cases of sedition being imposed on them. Journalists' bodies have condemned the high-handedness of police, and urged authorities to restore circumstances which facilitate free functioning of the media.

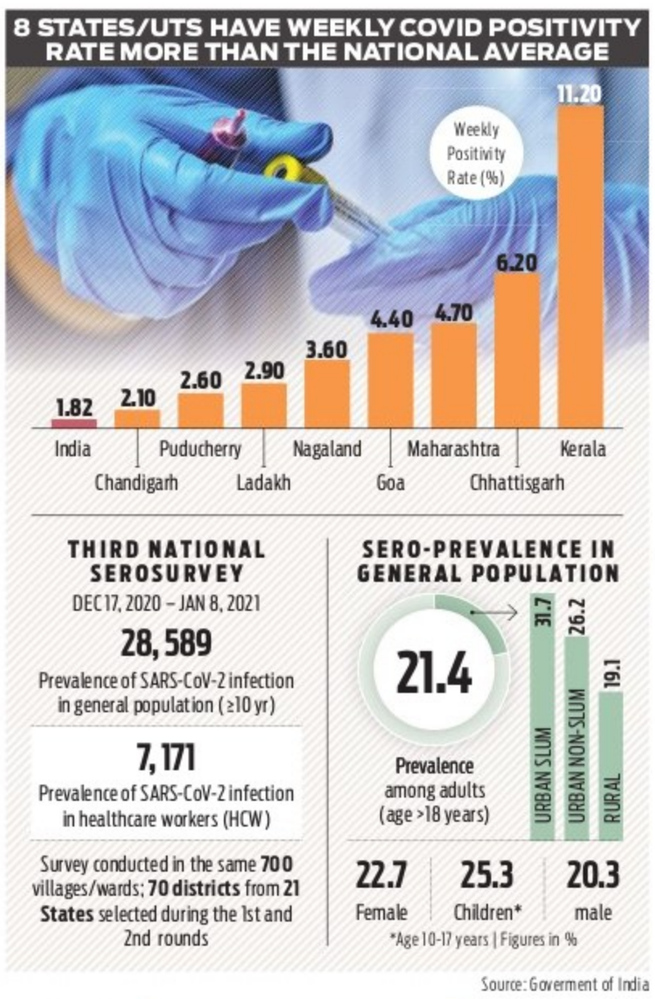
The guild has listed cases of journalists being targeted in January on several different dates.

These include three journalists from Manipur Paojel Chaoba, Sadokpam Dhiren, M Joy Luwang arrested under the UAPA, arrest warrant against Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, harassment of journalist Neha Dixit, FIR against three journalists from Uttar Pradesh, FIR against six journalists, including Mrinal Pande, *India Today's* Rajdeep Sardesai, FIR against *The Wire's* Siddharth Vardarajan, and the arrest of two independent journalists Mandeep Punia and Dharmender Singh.

"2021 has begun on an ominous note for India's free press . At a time when the media and journalists are under attack, the Media Watch Committee of the Editors Guild of India will track every month cases of media targeted for doing their job. This is January 2021 tracker," said a tweet from the guild.

The Centre had also recently directed to Twitter to block around 250 tweets/Twitter accounts. Several accounts including that of Caravan magazine, Kisan Ekta Morcha, and activist Hansraj Meena, among others were suspended.

After some accounts were restored, the Centre issued a notice to the microblogging site to comply with its orders or it may face penal action.



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Above 20% of adults have antibodies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE overall percentage of people above 18 years with antibodies against Covid-19 virus in India was 21.4 per cent, the third national sero-survey by the ICMR to assess the true spread of SARS CoV 2 has shown.

For the survey carried out between December 17 to January 8, blood samples from 28,589 individuals and another group of 7,171 healthcare workers were tested from 70 districts across 21 states and UTs. The findings also revealed that while seroprevalence among children aged 10-17 years was 25.3 per cent, it was 25.7 per cent among healthcare workers, announced ICMR director general Balram Bhargava at a press briefing on Thursday.

Unlike earlier surveys that looked for antibodies against the viral nucleocapsid, the third survey also looked for spike protein antibodies. The overall figure of 21.7 seropositivity, shared by Bhargava, is based only on the results of spike protein antibodies and not the other one.

The survey, based on the combined results from both the tests has estimated the average infection prevalence at about 25 per cent, a figure skipped in the briefing but may later get published in the detailed scientific paper.

"Amongst healthcare workers, seroprevalence was the highest with 25.7 per cent. Statistically, it was not different between doctors, nurses, field staff, and paramedics, but it was highest among doctors and nurses with 26.6 per cent as against the administrative staff which was 24.9 per cent," said the ICMR DG.

He stressed that as the survey has shown still lower penetration of the virus in the population, a large proportion still remains vulnerable and therefore prevention is the key and vaccines are necessary.

EXPERT OPINION

How BJP turned West Bengal's Left support base in their favour

SAJJAN KUMAR
Political analyst associated with Peoples Pulse

SINCE the 2019 Lok Sabha election in Bengal when BJP won 18 seats and got over 40% of the vote share, a whopping gain of 30% from the 2016 assembly election, the shift of the Left support base, from 26.6% to 7.5% during the same period, explains the new political dynamics in the state.

While the politically potent slogan "Agey Ram, Porey Bam" (First BJP then Left) became the explainer, the anchor of the slogan and the intent behind the same became a matter of contentious debate. The incumbent Trinamool blames it on the vitriolic anti-Mamata mentality of the CPM, which in their desperation to see the Trinamool defeated, aligned with the devil.

To the Left, the slogan was a mischievous strategy employed by the BJP and other Hindutva affiliates to mislead the people and cash in on their genuine anti-Trinamool sentiment. But on the ground, a majority of the respondents who admitted shifting from the CPM to the BJP in 2019 offered a genealogy which reveals that none of these parties played an active part in coining the slogan.

They felt let down by the sheer inability of the state level Left leadership, a factor perceived intensely in the backdrop of the aggressive anti-Trinamool pitch Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah peddled. Thus, the sentiment of the majority of the Left voters and the BJP struck a chord. The result was visible in 2019.

Interestingly, with the further consolidation of the anti-Trinamool sentiment, the Left, particularly the CPM, is standing on the inter-sectionality of having a positive perception among its erstwhile voters while being considered electorally irrelevant in the ensuing election. This puzzle of faring positive on perception but negative in terms of electoral relevancy signifies the uneven dialectics between the anti-Trinamool rhetoric of the CPM and the BJP.

Shorn of ground assertion, the Left leaders intensified their verbal attack against the Trinamool. Politically, this was a phase of everyday isolation for the Left support base. The entry of Modi and Shah with the same anti-incumbency pitch, albeit with a cultural twist, was both beautiful as well as frightening for the them.

It was in this state of dilemma that a pragmatic approach became the common sense for the majority of Left voters as they had two templates to choose from: the rational but complacent body language of the Left leadership and the decisive and aggressive posturing by the BJP's top leadership.

Unambiguously, they got swayed by brand BJP and abandoned the Left, at least for the time being. The Left by its complacency contributed in constituting a conducive ambience for the popular reception of the BJP as a credible alternative to the incumbent. This led to the emergence of the BJP as a credible alternative to the incumbent despite their organisational weakness.

Having lost the perception war to the BJP, the Left was further trapped into another dilemma. While they were on the same plane with the BJP as far as attacking the Trinamool on corruption and hooliganism was concerned, they had to align with Mamata Banerjee on ideological grounds. It was here the BJP scored a clear advantage.

A combination of issues like a series of low and high intensity communal incidents, NRC and CAA led to the Left and the Trinamool coming on the same horizon against the BJP. Normatively, the Left was making the right choices in all the instances, but politically it was facing further marginalisation. The people on the ground were privileging their experience over the ideology.

The coming of the Left and the Trinamool together on many issues on an ideological ground led to the polarisation of the polity wherein the political fault lines got clearly demarcated between the incumbent and the BJP with the Left playing the second fiddle to the saffron party. This state of in-between-ness further alienated its own support base. The ones who were at the receiving end of the Trinamool's violence felt let down by their old party.

Lastly, the BJP played its cards quite meticulously fearing an electoral backlash from a significant section of the electorate on NRC as the northern and eastern regions of the state is inhabited by the partition-affected refugees who have deep apprehension of the law.

To placate the expected antagonism, the BJP hurried with the passing of the CAA and thereby assured its emerging support base, particularly the Namoshudra Dalits. Unlike other partition refugees, the Namoshudras' migration to India picked momentum in the 1980s when Bangladesh witnessed Islamisation under President Hussain Muhammad Irshad.

Since then the community has been crossing the border and coming to India continuously. My interaction with the community members revealed an interesting dynamics. Shah's remark on first the CAA and then the NRC has served its purpose among the community, which is willing to believe the BJP.

Hence, if ground sentiment is the explainer, the BJP by the instrument of the CAA has emerged as the main votary of the refugee issue which the Left once championed.

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RS BYPOLLS

The EC announced schedule for Rajya Sabha bypolls to three seats in Gujarat and Assam, including the one which fell vacant after death of senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel. The bypolls will be held on March 1 and results will be out the same day.

190 BIRDS FOUND DEAD IN AHMEDABAD IN 2 DAYS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	14	Mumbai	30	22
Bhopal	28	11	Panaji	31	19
Jaipur	23	09	Patna	26	15
Amritsar	19	06	Lucknow	20	11
Chennai	30	20	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	27	14	Imphal	26	06
Srinagar	04	-6	Chandigarh	20	07

Workers at a site set up barricades at Ghazipur border to stop farmers from marching towards Delhi; large nets are installed at Tikri border to protect police from stone throwers near a protest site | PARVEEN NEGI & SHEKHAR YADAV

Disorder remains the order in Lok Sabha over farm stir

House disrupted for third consecutive day as Congress and others insist on separate discussion on protests against new agriculture laws

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN contrast to the Rajya Sabha taking up discussions on the motion of thanks to the address of President Ram Nath Kovind to the joint sitting of the Parliament, ruckus ruled Lok Sabha. The Opposition kept pressing for repealing of the contentious farm laws.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla failed to convince Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Choudhary to allow the House to take up the discussion on the motion of thanks. Birla continued to discuss ways to break the deadlock with the Opposition till late in the evening. The Opposition, particularly Congress, insisted on separate discussion on farm stir against the government wanting to club it with the motion of thanks.

Opposition members crowded the well of the House, holding placards calling for scrapping of the "black laws". A few of them surrounded the Chair to gain camera footage. Incidentally, discussion of the motion of thanks in Rajya Sabha saw members from the treasury and Opposition benches arguing strongly in favour and against the farm laws.

While Lok Sabha was adjourned within a few minutes of resumption each hour after 4 pm, presiding officer Meenakshi Lekhi pressed ahead with the Zero Hour at 8.30 pm, asking members to raise important matters of their constituencies. Mostly the BJP members took part in the Zero Hour during which the Opposition kept shouting slogans.

The Rajya Sabha also saw the Opposition attack the government, saying that democracy is suppressed in the country. During motion of thanks on the President's address, TMC MP Derek O'Brien said the government has failed to uphold the sanctity of Parliament. "Members had asked, as is procedure for the Bills to be referred to a select committee, but the government never did that. Political administration is the purview of the PM and home minister. This government has failed on many counts including handling the Covid-19 crisis and economy," he said.

Alleging that democracy was being suppressed, Congress MP Digvijaya Singh said: "We respect the mandate you have but the way in which dissent, which is the backbone of a democracy, is suppressed in our country is deplorable. The foisting of cases against farmers, journalists, activists and such need to stop."

Stopped at border, Opposition MPs say farmers are denied basic rights

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN protest against the farm laws, a delegation of 15 MPs from 10 opposition parties, led by Shiromani Akali Dal's Harsimrat Kaur Badal, went to Ghazipur border on Thursday. But they were stopped by the police before they could reach the protest site.

Badal said they were not allowed to cross the barricades and reach the place where protesters have gathered. "Today, 15 MPs representing different political parties from Kashmir to Kanyakumari went to Ghazipur border to express solidarity with the farmers and demand immediate repeal of the three hated farm laws. We also demand an end to atrocities being meted out to peacefully agitating farmers," she tweeted.

Supriya Sule of NCP, Kanimozhi and Tiruchi Siva from the DMK, Saugata Roy from TMC were part of the delegation. Members of the National Conference, RSP and IUML were also part of it. They later wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla that they were not allowed to meet the farmers.

Kanimozhi, Supriya Sule and Harsimrat Kaur Badal at Ghazipur border | PARVEEN NEGI

"In our culture, it is called *Annadata Sukhi Bhav*. The farmer is our breadwinner. We all feel that for him to be happy, the central government must take a step forward and listen to his grievances and come up with a satisfactory solution," Sule said. "Struggling farmers are denied basic rights, including drinking water and internet service. The government treats them like enemies," Kanimozhi said, before setting off for the border.

The Budget Session of the Parliament has seen vociferous protests from the opposition benches. Government has maintained it is open to talks

Feb 6 blockade: Shah reviews safety measures

NEW DELHI: Two days ahead of the *chakka jam* (nationwide roadblock) called by the farmers, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had an emergency meeting with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Delhi Police Commissioner SN Srivastava and Director of Intelligence Bureau Arvind Kumar to discuss preparations.

Farmers have said they would block roads from 12 noon to 3 pm on Saturday.

Sources said there are intelligence inputs that anti-social elements may try to create trouble on that day. Security officials have been asked to take measures to ensure there is no repeat of the January 26 violence in Delhi. The home minister, sources said, has asked top security officials to ensure safety and security of farmers, police and everyone else.

Meanwhile, Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait said a three-hour '*chakka jaam*' will take place on February 6 but not in Delhi.

WTO asked to revisit agriculture pact before talking in support of Indian farmers

A group of former IFS officers has called upon the WTO to revisit the agreement on agriculture, stating that it's biased in favour of the developed world. As much as other WTO Members were not even consulted, they said, the WTO agreement is characterised by democratic deficit and based on commercial realpolitik. "Obviously, you cannot have your cake and eat it too. The balance between market forces, food security and famers' welfare is a delicate one"

BJP urges cultivators not to fall for international conspiracy against country

The BJP on Thursday called upon the farmers for talks, asking them not to fall for an "international conspiracy against India". The party said that the country doesn't need a certificate from foreigners. "We wish to make an appeal to the farmers that they should talk to us. The government's door is open for them. A few of the farmers' unions who don't like the farm laws can surely protest, but they should unite if there's a conspiracy against the country," it said.

Kisan widows slam Kangana, burn effigy in Maharashtra

Scores of widows of farmers on Thursday protested in Yavatmal to slam actor Kangana Ranaut for her "anti-farmers remarks", burnt her effigy and demanded an unconditional apology from her. The protesters carrying banners and placards to proclaim 'Yes, we are farmers but not terrorists', referring to Kangana's recent statement to malign the farmers protesting on Delhi borders and compare them to terrorists also burnt the Bollywood actor's pictures.

CABINET

Shahnawaz, Kushwaha set to enter Nitish team in Bihar

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

SENIOR BJP leader and recently elected unopposed to the Bihar legislative council Shahnawaz Hussain is expected to be inducted in the Nitish Kumar-led NDA ministry's expansion due in the next few days.

Hussain is likely to get either Home or Finance ministry. Nitish Kumar has held these posts since 2005. The BJP has staked its claim on the ministries and a disagreement with the JD-U over it was stated to be the cause behind the delay in the cabinet expansion.

The Home department is considered the second most important wing because of its vast administrative powers, including those involving bureaucratic reshuffles.

Sources said the BJP is learnt to have finalised a list of its prospective candidates. The Cabinet expansion is slated to be on the basis of equal number of ministerial berths between the alliance partners. However, JD-U sources say the 'Luv-Kush' equation could be followed by JD-U, which strongly indicates the return of Upendra Kushwaha-led RLSP.

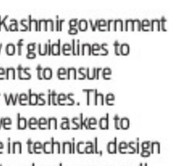
JD-U's senior leaders are in talks with Kushwaha for an alliance or his party's merger with the JD-U.

Speculation over Kushwaha intensified on Wednesday when former JD-U state chief Bashistha Narayan Singh told the media that talks were on over RLSP's merger. However, RLSP termed it as a rumour.

EXPRESS READ

SC to hear comedian Munawar's plea today

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday will hear a plea by comedian Munawar Faruqui against the MP High Court order, refusing to grant him bail in a case where he allegedly hurt religious sentiments. The SC will consider the appeal challenging the HC's January 28 order. Faruqui was arrested on January 2 on the charges that he made derogatory remarks against Hindu gods.



Didi keen to woo Matuas over CAA delay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

BANKING on the restlessness of Matuas over citizenship, the ruling Trinamool Congress has swung into action to reap electoral dividend out of it in the Assembly elections.

The Matuas are a deciding factor in 36 Assembly constituencies. A majority of the community voted for the BJP in the 2019 general elections.

TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee convened a meeting with 4,000 members of Scheduled Caste, the community Matuas belong to, and Scheduled Tribe wings of the party on Thursday. She asked them to launch aggressive campaign against the BJP's false promise of giving Matuas citizenship by implementing the CAA.

Only the Trinamool Congress is the alternative to the Trinamool. It will go for bettering itself. No other party can take its place since it has provided the most people-friendly government in the world

Mamata Banerjee, Bengal CM

The ST members have been asked to showcase the BJP as a "party of liars" in regions where tribal electorates are deciding factors for the fate of political parties.

Trinamool insiders said Mamata did not want to miss the opportunity to use the BJP's embarrassment after Union Home Minister Amit Shah's Bengal visit did not take place. "Shah was scheduled to visit the Matua religious sect's headquarters and address on the issue of citizenship for the refugees migrated from Bagladesh that the BJP had promised in 2019. Since election is approaching, Matuas wanted Shah to announce a deadline," said a TMC leader.

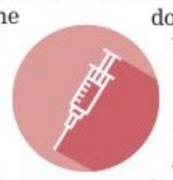
Mamata recently dismantled the cell dedicated to SC/ST/OBC and set up separate wings to give representation to each of the communities. She also set up a dedicated development board for Matuas and granted a fund of ₹10 crore.

Food and supplies minister Jyotipriya Mullick, who has been camping in Matua belt, said the BJP has nothing to say on Matuas' citizenship issue as the community realised the promise of citizenship before the 2019 elections was a trick to hoodwink them.

Doc was busy on phone despite pleas repeatedly, workers say on vax fiasco

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ASHA workers have blamed the doctor for asking them to administer a hand sanitizer instead of the polio vaccine to the children in a Maharashtra village.



ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers said while vaccinating the 12 kids in Kopari Kapsi village in Yavatmal district, Dr Amol Gavade had instructed them to administer the blue-coloured hand sanitizer instead of polio vaccine. Kopari Kapsi is the tribal village to which the children belonged.

Four persons, including Dr Gavade, have been suspended in the incident. "We told the doctor that the colour of the vaccine was pink, not blue. But the doctor told us that the vaccine colour is now changed... We kept clarifying with him, but he was busy talking with someone on his mobile phone," said an ASHA worker.

"We have been made a scapegoat. Our fault was that we listened to Dr Gavade. Had we refused to follow his instruction, he would have taken actions against us. Besides, the administration has given us only a day's training instead of 15 days," said the worker.

Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope has said those suspended would be terminated if the probe established them to be involved in the horrendous lapse.

Sources said the suspended ASHA workers were hired on contract basis. "The big fish are being protected while the small contract workers are suspended," alleged a BJP leader.

J&K's Ayesha youngest Indian female pilot

Women from Kashmir are breaking gender stereotypes. Now, 25-year-old Ayesha Aziz has become the youngest female pilot in India. In 2011, at the age of 16, Ayesha became the youngest student pilot to get a license and subsequently underwent training to fly MIG-29 jet at Russia's Sokol airbase. She graduated from the Bombay Flying Club (BFC) and got her commercial license in 2017. According to Ayesha, she was very fascinated by flying and to be at 40,000 ft is a different charm. "You get to meet different type of people. It is a very challenging job because it is not like a normal 9-5 desk job". Ayesha would inspire young women not only to dream high but also fly high.

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Our correspondent in Jammu and Kashmir
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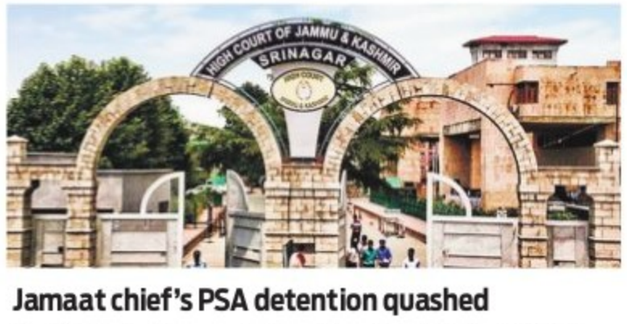
SRINAGAR DIARY

Courts to resume physical hearing albeit with riders

After working in virtual mode following the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic, the courts in Jammu and Kashmir would resume physical hearing from February 8. The lawyers have been directed to follow the Covid-19 protocols to prevent spread of the virus. They shall be allowed entry into the court premises from February 8 but it would be regulated case-wise. Only those lawyers whose cases are listed on that day can enter the court building on a given day. Once inside the court building, lawyers shall have to maintain social distancing and once their hearings are finished, they would have to leave the court premises. However, the entry of clerks and agents of the lawyers and litigants and public will remain prohibited. But the litigant, who has to argue his case personally, shall be allowed entry.



Jamaat chief's PSA detention quashed

The J&K High Court has quashed the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) invoked on Jamaat-e-Islami chief Abdul Hamid Ganai saying his detention order was vitiated by "total non-application of mind by the detaining authority". A division bench set aside the single-bench order. Hamid was arrested in March 2019 after Jamaat, the socio-politico and religious organisation, was banned by the government. The division bench noted that Ganai at the time of his detention was implicated in two FIRs but his PSA dossier does not mention whether he was ever arrested.

Departments told to update official websites

The Jammu and Kashmir government has issued a slew of guidelines to various departments to ensure updation of their websites. The departments have been asked to ensure coherence in technical, design and navigation standards across all websites. It has been observed that websites of some departments/deputy commissioners and heads of departments either do not have functional e-mail IDs or do not have information of the latest government schemes and activities for public information. The government has also observed that the websites are not user-friendly, besides being non-compliant to the RTI regime.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

e-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 1.1KV, 4Cx300 Sq. mm. Aluminium Conductor XLPE Cable, (2) 11KV, 3Cx240 Sq. mm. Aluminium Conductor XLPE Cable,

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

(3) 69032, (4) 69575.

Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**

PRO/AAM(M)/106/2021. **GENERAL MANAGER**

Karnataka Forest Development Corporation Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
PO BOX-930, Kulshekara, Mangaluru - 575 005
Ph: 0824-2230346 Fax: 0824-2231032 e-mail: kfdcledmr@dataone.in

No.: KFDC/ED/A3/T-1/2021-22 Date: 01.02.2021

SHORT BRIEF RE - e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

RE-e-Tenders are invited for the Supply of materials as detailed below: **(1)** Polythene Strips - 4330 Kgs. (2) Urea-46%N-153.650 MT (4) Rain Coat. 1105 No's (Good quality) (4) M.S. Reconditioned Empty Barrels (210 Ltrs.Capacity - Minimum gauge 20-weight 18 Kgs.) - 18000 Nos.

The last date for submission of tender documents is **17.02.2021 upto 15.00 hours.** The date of opening tenders is **19.02.2021 at 15.30 hrs**. For tender details please visit **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

For further details, contact this office during office hours.

KARNATAKA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

DIPR/ADM/MCA/827/20-21 dt.4.2.2021 **Sd/- Executive Director, Mangaluru**

STATE BANK OF INDIA
CHANNAPATNA BRANCH, CHANNAPATNA

VEHICLE AUCTION NOTICE

Offers are invited from public for purchase of below mentioned vehicles to be auctioned by
State Bank of India, Channapatna Branch, Channapatna

Borrower Name	Vehicle No	Make And Model	Bank and Branch	EMD
SHYLAJA R	KA 42 M-7850	MARUTHI EECO 5 STR BS IV 2016	State Bank Of India, Channapatna Branch, Channapatna	Rs. 20,000/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) Vehicle Auction to be held in **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" On 11.02.2021, Thursday, b)** Interested Bidders are requested to submit the amount of EMD through DD in favour of above mentioned details, **c)** Last date to submit is **10.02.2021, 3.30 PM.**

Contact Address and Place of Auction: Sri Skanda Associates ® #683, Nrupatunga Road, 'M' Block, Kuvempunagar, Mysore - 570023.

Contact Details: Mr. Arjun N, Mob: 9986591095, 9980891095

Date: 05.02.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Channapatna **State Bank of India,**

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited &
Presently Known as IDFC First Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office : KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited & Presently Known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **13.08.2020** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1. M/S Hi-Tech Multilaterals India Pvt. Ltd., 2. Mr.Shailesh Pooncha, 3. Mrs.Sujaya Anil, 4. Mr.Bhuvanesh Pooncha, 5. Mr.Shailesh Pooncha,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,41,94,190.00/-(Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Only)** as on **31.07.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **3rd day of February 2021**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited & Presently Known as IDFC First Bank Limited)** for an amount of **Rs.1,41,94,190.00/- (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES.

All The Piece And Parcel of The Property Consisting of Property Located At No.141,1st Main, 3rd Cross, Mathru Layout, Municipal Khata No.524/522/499/415/428 (Earlier To That Bearing Municipal Khata No.499/415/428 Assigned By Yelahanka City Municipal Council And Earlier To That Bearing Khata No.415/425/16b/14 1) Chikkabommasandra Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560090, Admeasuring Area 1260sq.Ft,Bounded As Following: East : Site No.142; West : Mother Dairy Compound; North : Road; South : Site No.140;

2. All That Part And Parcel Of Property Located At Plot No.27, Property No.172-1b, Property Pid No.151100201600220215, Ammunje Village,Kuriyangala Grama Panchaythi, Bantwala Taluk, Pane Mangalore Hobli, Dakshika Kannada District, Admeasuring Area 202.34sq.Mt.And Bounded As Following: East : Road And Property No.172-1A; West : Portion Of The Same Survey Number; North : Portion Of The Same Survey Number; South : Portion Of The Same Survey Number.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile IDFC Bank Limited &
Presently Known as IDFC First Bank Limited)

Date : 03-02-2021
Place : Bengaluru.
Loan Account No. : 10034886288.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, 2nd Floor, Shakthi Soudha 13th Cross Road, 4th B Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560 040.

No: EE(GRN)/TN/GL-21/2020-21 **Date: 02.02.2021**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
(STANDARD TENDER DOCUMENT KW - 1 & 2)

Tenders on Item Rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Est Cost (₹. in Lakhs)
	Single Cover Works	
1.	Additional works to temple at Chamundeshwari temple prayer hall at Kurilingappa Garden Mudalapalya in Ward No-127 (Call-4)	35.00
2.	Improvements to Sri Durga Parameshwari Prarthana Mandira in Chandra Layout in Ward No: 128 Nagarabhavi.	25.00
3.	Development of Kanakagiri Park in Govinda-rajanagara Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No-104.	48.00
4.	Providing balance work at Samudaya Bhavana at Arundathinagara in Ward No-128.	25.00
5.	Providing Electrical Works to CHBS Layout park kabbadi ground park and kanakadasa park in Ward No-104.	20.00
EMD (in ₹.)	EMD Exempted as per GOK order No: ಆಇ 675, Cost-12/2020, Bengaluru upto Dated: 22-12-2020 to 31-12-2021 only	

Calendar of Events : (1) Last Date for uploading the filled proposal is **15.02.2021** upto **4:00 pm** (2) Date of opening of Financial Proposals is **17.02.2021** after **4:00** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Govindarajanagara Division

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HPHT ASSET, KAKINADA (A.P.)
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

HPHT Asset - the joint venture (JV) comprising ONGC and GSPC having its Onshore Gas Terminal (OGT) at P. Mallawaram invites parties to "prequalify" for **hiring of Chiller Unit along with Operation & Maintenance** for processing of sales gas to achieve required hydrocarbon Dew Point (HCDP) as per PNGRB regulations for a period of 18 months from reputed service providers. **The broad scope of work, expected deliverables, date & place of submission of documents and downloading the PQC:** visit tendering website of ONGC (link:https://tenders.ongc.co.in). **Place of execution of the Contract:** OGT, P. Mallavaram Village, Tallarevu Mandal, East Godavari Dist., Andhra Pradesh, India - 533463.

GM(P)-OGT, ONGC, HPHT ASSET

HAR EK KAAM DESH KE NAAM

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
2nd Floor, South Block, Beeja Raja Seeds Complex, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.

No.:KSPDCL/F-193/2020-21/TTK 50 Date: 04.02.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited hereby invites bids for carrying out shift duties at 8 Nos. of 220/66/33kV substations and 01 No. of 66/11kV substation having 11kV reference located at 2050 MW Pavagada solar park, Pavagada, Tumkur Dist. Bid documents will be available in the e-procurement portal **(www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in)** on or after **06.02.2021.** Details are also available in KSPDCL website **(www.kspdcl.in)**

Note: KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

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Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre ,
Project Mysore Division

Post Bag no.1.Yelwal, Mysore -571130, Telephone:0821-2406566/6472/ Fax:0821-2403064 /Date: 01/02/2021

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Chief Engineer, BHABHA Atomic Research Centre, Mysore invites for & on behalf of the President of India, item rate tenders in two parts from eligible contractors for those having adequate experience and capabilities to execute similar works of such magnitude as detailed in this tender.

1	Tender Reference No.	**BARC/EM/2021/60**
2	Name of work	Waste management activities of scraping, collection, shifting, special cleaning, disposal of 65 m3 waste etc. including housekeeping, maintenance of three RCC pits
3	Estimated Cost	**Rs.3,52,000/-**(Rupees three lakhs fifty two thousand only)
4	Earnest Money Deposit	security declaration is attached
5	Period of Completion	04 Months
6	Tender Sale Period	From **05/02/2021** (1100 hrs)To **18/02/2021** (1600 hrs)

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site **www.tenderwizard.com/dae** and **www.barc.gov.in**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
For & on behalf of the President of India

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

e-TenderNo. KPCL/2020-21/IND4047 Date: 04.02.2021

Abstract Bid Notification (Through e-Procurement platform)

Bids in two parts are invited through e-procurement portal for "**Supply of Cartridges/Toners for Various types of printers to VHEP, Hosangadi - 576282".** The details of NIT and Tender Document can be seen on website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The bids will be received through e-procurement portal mode only. Last date for receipt of completed bids is **19.02.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs** with an EMD Declaration. Date of opening of Part-I (pre-qualification & technical Bid) is **22.02.2021 at 10:00 Hrs** and date of opening of Part-II (price bid) of the qualified bidders is **23.02.2021 at 10:00 Hrs** or on later date. For further details contact Executive Engineer (MSP)H, Varahi Hydro Electric Project, KPCL, Hosangadi - 576282, Kundapur (T), Udupi (D), Karnataka, Phone/ Mobile: +91-8259-288643/+91-9449598832, KPCL website: **www.karnatakapower.com** / Helpdesk: 080-25501216/ 25501227

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
2nd Floor, South Block, Beeja Raja Seeds Complex, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.

No.:KSPDCL/F-194/2020-21/TTK 51 Date: 04.02.2021

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited hereby invites bids for carrying out maintenance works of 220kV lines, 220/66kV, 220/33kV & 66/11kV substations, 11kV UG cables, RMU's, OD's, 11kV DTC and LT lines in 2050 MW Pavagada solar park, Pavagada Tq, Tumkur Dist. Bid documents will be available in the e-procurement portal **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** on or after **06.02.2021.** Details are also available in KSPDCL website **(www.kspdcl.in)**

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Government of Karnataka
RDW&S, Division, Mysore

Short Term Tender Notification No: 46/2020-21 Dt: 28.01.2021
Short Term Tender Notification is as below.

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders (Two cover system) has been called for the following Tender works Under Rate Tender, as per Tender Documents and as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement Dt: 04.02.2021 11:00 AM onwards, Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is 11.02.2021 upto 4.00 PM, Pre-bid meeting dt:08.02.2021 Opening of Technical bid 12.02.2021, 05.00 PM onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Government registered Class 2, 3 & 4 above Civil as per KW-4, KW-3 ,KW-2 & KW-1 tender documents are eligible to participate in the tender process for 5 Packages, 5Single works & 8 reserverd works in Mysore taluk & 2 package works, 2 single general category & 3 reserverd works in H.D.Kote taluk (Amount put to tender starts from Rs.13.50 lakhs to Rs. 194.59 lakhs). for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Portal No.1/1 Sun Beam Building Eagle Street Long ford road, Long ford town Bangalore -560025 Tel. Phone No 080 – 22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460 495.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S, Division, Mysore

DIPR/DDMYS/MCA/978/2020-21

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 064.
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in. E-Tender website:www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Notice No. RWF/W/20-21/09 Dated: 03.02.2021

E-TENDER :- On behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Engineer invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in (Works).

Tender No/ Description	Estimated Cost in Rs.	Closing Date & Time
W.496/RWF/YNK/951 for Proposed Interior Work for Ground Floor B–Suite and first floor A-Suite of ORH in East Colony of Rail Wheel Factory yelahanka/Bengaluru	3228525.95	26.02.2021 at 11.00hrs

The detailed tender notice can be viewed on our website -**www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in**

Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project-West)), Division, Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises. 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020

No. EE(P-W)/PR/519/2020-21 **Date : 04.02.2021**

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: 1) EE(P-W)/TEND/18/2020-21, Date : 29.01.2021 (Through e-Procurement system)

Tender Notification called Vide this Office Tender No. **EE(P-W)/TEND/18/2020-21, Date : 29.01.2021** on behalf of the Commissioner BBMP for the work of Providing Rain Shelter, Gratings, Rain Water Harvesting and other Development to Dhobhi Ghat at Shivanagar in Ward No. 107, is postponed due to technical reasons.

Changes in Calendar of Events are as follows:-

1	Last date for uploading the filled proposal	On 15.02.2021 upto 4.00 PM
2	Date of Opening of Bids	On 17.02.2021 at 4.30 P.M. (if Possible)

Further details may be obtained from the above Office during hours or website **https: eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged to the Original Tender Notification.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Project (West) Division.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS, PORTS & INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-01
Telephone No. 080-22133370, Fax No. 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
E-Portal : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Short term Tender Notification No. 26/2020-21
Dated: 03.02.2021

Item-rate tenders, for the work in Devanahalli Taluk under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure.Tender Notification are Published for 01 works of Rs. 66.00 Lakhs. Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal. Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **03.02.2021** onwards.

2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on dated **17.02.2021 before 16:00** hours

3) The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **18.02.2021 at 16.30** hours Or further date and time will be Intimate.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DIPR/DDU/Zen/R.O:2685/2020-21 **PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.**

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Mahesh P, Mrs.Vidhya M **(Prospect No. 851415)**	**29-Jan-2021 Rs. 21,68,263.00/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : No.A002, Admeasuring 426.20 Sq Ft (Uds-317.25 Sq Ft), Ground Floor, Tower No.16, M.Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Janaadhar Shubha Phase II, Bangalore, Karnataka-562106

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIF HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers.

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office :IIFL HFL "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 /or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 05.02.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd**

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Director, National Centre for Polar & Ocean Research invites sealed tenders for entering into **Rate Contract** for a period of one year from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022 from the Manufacturers and Authorised suppliers for supply of **LABORATORY CHEMICALS, GLASSWARES & LABWARES:** Please visit: **http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app** & **http://www.ncpor.res.in**

Last date for submission of quotation : **25.02.2021**
The quotations will be opened on : **26.02.2021**

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Ph: 080-28360037/2661,

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and/or Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **SME Peenya Branch of Canara Bank.**, will be sold on the basis of **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 10.03.2021**, for recovery of **Rs.6,62,25,983.46/-**(Rupees Six Crores Sixty Two Lacs Twenty Five Thousands Nine Hundred Eighty Three and Paise Forty Six Only) and interest & other charges there on from **01.02.2021** due to the SME Peenya Branch of Canara Bank from **M/s Indo Metal Lubricants,** No B-35/P-9, 2nd Cross, 3rd Stage, Peenya Industrial Estate, Nelakadaranahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore – 560058 **represented by its Proprietor Mr. B Chandrahasa Shetty** Flat No 303, Haritha Apartments, 2nd Floor, 11th Cross, 5th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.

The Reserve price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The Earnest Money shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, SME Peenya Branch, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer – IFSC CODE **CNRB0002454**) to the credit of the account number **2454295000001, Canara Bank, SME Peenya Branch, Bangalore** on or before **08.03.2021 By 5.00PM**

Description of the immovable Assets	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
Factory land situated at No.P-9, 2nd Cross, 3rd Stage, Peenya Industrial Area Nelakadaranahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru 560058. Measurement of the plot:As per the allotment & possession letter – 314.50 Sq. mtr *As per the sale deed – 489.94 Sq. mtr *	**Rs 350.00 Lakhs**	**Rs 35.00 Lakhs**	**Rs 1.00 Lakhs**

*The extent of property is subject to ad-interim orders of injunction/status quo of the suit in O.S No 3749/2014 by the honourable court of City Civil, Bengaluru

known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Assistant General Manager, **SME Peenya Branch, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9987554449/9987790751/7975725335** during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 04.02.2021 **Canara Bank**

JAPIT
An Autonomous body under Department of Information Technology, Govt of Jharkhand
Ground Floor, Engineer's Hostel – I, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand
Phone. 0651-2401041/2401067 email:japit_doit@rediffmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
eTender Ref. No.: JAP-IT/DCT/CT-MIS/01/2021

Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology (JAP-IT), the nodal agency of Department of Information Technology and e-Governance, Government of Jharkhand in the state of Jharkhand invites technical and financial proposals from reputed agency of national and international repute for 'IT Operations and Maintenance JH-VAT Software and State GST Operations under the CT-MIS project' as detailed in the Scope of Work in this RFP. The successful bidder will provide covered services under this RFP for a period of 5 years.

Schedule of key events & dates:

SN	Item	Description
1	eTender Ref. No.	JAP-IT/DCT/CT-MIS/01/2021
2	Name of the Work	Selection of agency for 'IT Operations and Maintenance JH-VAT Software and State GST Operations under the CT-MIS project'
3	Name & address of the issuer of this tender and Address of Communication / Place of bid Submission / Opening of Bids / Contact / Address	The CEO, Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology (JAP-IT) Ground Floor, Engineers hostel 1, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004. Tel: 0651-2401044 Email: japit_tender@rediffmail.com & japit_doit@rediffmail.com
4	Date of issue of tender document	04.02.2021
5	Date for sending Pre Bid Query	16.02.2021
6	Pre Bid Meeting	18.02.2021 at 03:30 pm.
7	Last Date for online Submission of Bids	16.03.2021 up to 05:00 pm.
8	Last Date for offline Submission of Bids	16.03.2021 up to 06:00 pm.
9	Date of Opening of Technic al Bids (online)	18.03.2021 at 03:30 pm.
10	Date of Commercial Bid opening	To be informed later
11	Cost of Tender Document (non-refundable)	Rs. 25,000.00 (Rs. Twenty-Five thousand only) through Demand Draft from any Nationalized Bank in favour of "CEO, JAP-IT" payable at Ranchi to be submitted before opening of Technical Bid.
12	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 50,00,000.00 (Rs. Fifty Lakhs only) in form of Bank Guarantee in favour of CEO, JAP-IT payable at Ranchi.
13	RFP can be downloaded from	Downloaded from https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in, https://jharkhand.gov.in & https://japit.jharkhand.gov.in. However, in this case, the bidders are required to submit the tender cost in the form of a demand draft (details mentioned in above para) along with the Proposal. The entire Bid process will be through e-tendering.
14	Validity of Proposal	Proposals must remain valid 180 days after the Submission date.
15	Method of Selection	CBS method (L1 based).
16	Bid Submission	Bidders must submit Tender through online and One additional hard copy of only Technical Bid at JAP-IT along with original tender fee and EMD.

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Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer, JAP-IT, Ranchi

20-year jail for Iran diplomat over Paris bomb attack plot

National Council of Resistance member Favzin Hashemi speaks to the press | AFP

ANTWERP

A Belgian court convicted an Iranian diplomat on Thursday for plotting a thwarted 2018 bombing of an opposition rally outside Paris and ordered him jailed for 20 years.

The trial has further poisoned already tense relations between Tehran and European capitals. The terrorism conviction was also claimed as a victory by the exiled National Council of Resistance in Iran (NCRI), the opposition group that was targeted for attack.

Assadollah Assadi, now 49, was attached to the Iranian mission in Austria when he supplied explosives for an attack that was planned for a June 30, 2018 NCRI rally in France. Belgian officers foiled the attack when they intercepted a car carrying the device, and Assadi was arrested the next day in Germany, where he was deemed unable to claim diplomatic immunity.

The case has shone a light on Tehran's international operations just as it hopes the arrival of new US President Joe Biden will herald a loosening of sanctions re-imposed by Trump. Assadi was charged with "attempted murders of a terrorist nature" and "taking part in the activity of a terrorist group".

Iran had warned even before the conviction that it would not recognise the trial or the verdict, denying any official role in the plot and insisting Assadi ought to have enjoyed immunity from prosecution.

But investigators concluded that he was an Iranian agent working under diplomatic cover. The NCRI is the political wing of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK), known in English as the People's Mujahedin Organisation of Iran (PMOI).

It wages a campaign against the Islamic Republic in exile and regards itself as the most significant opposition group outside the country. *PTI*

Protesters from the Nepal Communist Party chant slogans | PTI

200 arrested for vandalism amid general strike in Nepal

KATHMANDU

MORE than 200 people were arrested on Thursday for their involvement in arson and vandalism during a general strike called by the Nepal Communist Party's splinter faction-led by Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' that paralysed normal life across the country.

The strike was called by Prachanda-led faction to oppose the appointment of office bearers and members of various constitutional bodies by Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli-led caretaker government.

Major markets, educational institutions, offices and factories were shut down while transport services were disrupted during the strike.

The government had mobilised at least 5,000 security personnel in Kathmandu Valley to prevent any untoward incident. Over 200 cadres and leaders of the Prachanda-led faction were arrested for their involvement in vandalism, arson, and other prohibited activities, *My Republica* newspaper reported, citing police.

Nepal Communist Party's Central Committee members Ashta Laxmi Shakya, Bijaya Poudel, Hitnath Shakya, Himal Sharma and Amrita Thapa were among those arrested. The protesters vandalised at least three vehicles in Kathmandu for defying the strike.

At least 27 rounds of bullets were fired in the air while trying to control a clash between the cadres of Prachanda-led faction and local entrepreneurs in Janakpur. *PTI*

Facebook blocked in Myanmar as resistance to coup grows

YANGON

MYANMAR'S new military government blocked access to Facebook as resistance to Monday's coup surged amid calls for civil disobedience to protest the ousting of the elected government and its leader, Aung San Suu Kyi.

Facebook is especially popular in Myanmar and is how most people access the internet.

Facebook users said service disruptions began late Wednesday night.

"Telecom providers in Myanmar have been ordered to temporarily block Facebook. We urge authorities to restore connectivity so that people in Myanmar can communicate with family and friends and access important information," Facebook said in a statement.

In 2018, Facebook removed several accounts linked to Myanmar's military, including that of Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the officer who led this week's coup, following complaints that they appeared to fuel hatred toward the country's Muslim Rohingya minority.

About 70 recently elected lawmakers defied the new military government on Thursday by convening a symbolic meeting of the Parliament that was prevented from opening. They signed their oaths of office at a government guesthouse in the capital, Naypyitaw, where about 400 of them were detained in the aftermath of the takeover. They have since been told they can return to their home districts.

The unofficial convening was a symbolic gesture to assert that they, not the military, are the country's legitimate lawmakers. Some expressed their anger and their determination to resist the coup as they left the guesthouse. "This violates the human rights of the whole citizenry. This is not a coup. This is a treason against the government. I will have to say that this is state treason," said Khin Soe Soe Kyi, a member of Suu Kyi's party.

The military declared a one-year state of emergency and put all state powers into the hands of the junta. *AFP*

We urge authorities to restore connectivity so that people in Myanmar can communicate with family and friends and access important information

Facebook statement

Protesters burn an image of military chief General Min Aung Hlaing in front of Myanmar embassy in Bangkok on Thursday | AFP

TWIN APPROACHES

BIDEN TO COUNTER CHINA, CAUTIOUSLY ENGAGE RUSSIA

Set to present his foreign policy vision in first visit to State Dept

WASHINGTON

THE administration of US President Joe Biden indicated on Wednesday that it would have a different approach in addressing the challenges posed by Russia and China, with the latter being with the help of its friends and allies.

"On China, the president's view and the administration's view is that we need to work with our allies, we need to work with our partners to align on how we are going to approach our relationship with China," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters at her daily news conference.

"We need to approach that relationship from a position of strength. There are obviously key components of that relationship, there are economic, there are strategic," she said.

"I think on Russia, his (Biden's) call to (Russian) President (Vladimir) Putin...is clear evidence of exactly that. When he called President Putin, he did not hold back. He made clear that while there are areas where we can work together -- say, New START – which is in the interest of the security of the United States.

"He has concerns about a number of areas of their reported interference, whether it is in elections, in the hacking of the United States -- the SolarWinds hacking, I should say — reports of bounties on American troops. There is an ongoing review that is happening, which he also stated in that conversation," Psaki said.

Joe Biden

Biden, she said, has certainly spoken with a number of European allies about a range of issues of mutual interest including Russia.

On Wednesday, the US and the Russian Federation completed the necessary legal procedures to extend the New START Treaty for five years.

"As we engage Russia in ways that advance American interests, we can also remain clear-eyed about the challenges that Russia poses. Even as we work with Russia to advance US interests, so too will we hold Russia to account for its reckless and adversarial behaviour," secretary of state Anthony Blinken said on Wednesday.

US freezes Trump's plan to cut troops in Germany

US President Biden will freeze plans set in motion by Donald Trump to reduce the US troop presence in Germany, which has been a cornerstone of NATO security since the start of the Cold War.

"Today (Biden) will announce... a global force posture review and during the pendency of that review will freeze any troop redeployments from Germany," Sullivan said.

Biden is also ending US military support for the war by its Saudi allies in Yemen, the White House said Thursday.

"He's going to announce an end to American support for offensive operations in Yemen," National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told reporters shortly before Biden was to make the speech.

"That's a promise he made in the campaign he will be following through on." The end on US military support for the Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen reverses former president Donald Trump's policy of providing logistical assistance and selling huge amounts of advanced weaponry such as precision-guided bombs. *AFP*

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Anthony Blinken, US Secretary of State

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public are hereby notified that my client Smt K.Veena wife of B.R.Pratish, has lost the Original Registered Gift deed vide document No.10554/2002-03, Book-1, dt: 29.08.2002, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North taluk, Bengaluru on 20.12.2020, while my client shifting their residential house from Kempanna Layout, Palace Guttahalli to Channakrishnappa Street, Palace Guttahalli, Benglauru-560 003 missed Gift deed dt:29.08.2002. I have lodged a Police complaint on 03/02/2021 in Vyalikaval Police Station with respect to the same. The said documents if found please contact below address or Phone Number.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids for **Block level, Geo-Technical Investigation and line survey work for establishing of sub-stations** coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer (Elecl), Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "e-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging on to e-procurement's website"**https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**". Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele) Transmission (W&M) Circle, Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi - 580024 Phone : 0836 – 2302504, 2203094

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited

KMF Complex: Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 fax: 080-25536105

IFTNo.KMF/ENGG/HAMUL-MEGADAIRY/Mech-Consultant/2020-21 Date: 4-02-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Second Call)
Appointment of Technical Consultant – Mechanical for Dairy Project
[TWO COVER SYSTEM]
[THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd., Bangalore on behalf of Hassan Milk Union Ltd., intends to establish a "State of Art technology Mega Dairy of capacity 10 LLPD expandable up to 15 LLPD along with 60 MTPD Milk Powder Plant with other Value Added Milk Products" at Hassan.

KMF intends to avail the services of competent Technical Consultant for Planning, Designing and periodical work inspection for the proposed new Mega Dairy project which includes Mechanical, Electrical and service facilities of the Project.

The interested and reputed Consultants who have handled similar kind of Mega Dairy Projects may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-23010900/ 23010901.

Sl No.	Name of the work	Project Outlay (Mech)	Qty.	EMD (Rs)	Period of completion
1	Technical Consultancy service (Dairy Plant Mechanical works) for Establishment of 10 LLPD expandable to 15 LLPD capacity Mega Dairy along with 60 MTPD Milk Powder plant Project for Hassan Milk Union at Hassan.	225.00 Crores	1 Job	5 Lakh	24 months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated 05-02-2021 to 15-02-2021 up to 4-00 pm.
2. Last date for Tender submission on date:15-02-2021 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 17-02-2021 at 11-30am.

For Karnataka Milk Federation Limited
Sd/-
DIRECTOR [ENGINEERING]

EXPRESS READ

Turkey rejects censure over student protest

Ankara: Turkey on Thursday rejected international criticism of its crackdown on protests by students opposing the appointment of a government loyalist to head Istanbul's top university, warning countries to stay out of its issues.

Ugandan commander convicted of war crime

The Hague: The International Criminal Court on Thursday convicted Dominic Ongwen, a former commander in the Ugandan rebel group the Lord's Resistance Army, of dozens of war crimes and crimes against humanity ranging from multiple murders to forced marriages.

US House to vote on QAnon-supporting member

WASHINGTON

THE senior-most US House Republican on Wednesday refused to punish QAnon-backing congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene, snubbing a growing chorus of calls to remove the controversial lawmaker from two committees over her incendiary rhetoric.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and his Democratic counterpart Steny Hoyer deadlocked over how to proceed with Greene, amid a raging debate about her inflammatory words and support of offensive social media posts.

McCarthy broke his silence after meeting with Greene on Tuesday and Wednesday.

While he "unequivocally" condemned her remarks, he said Democratic efforts to boot her from the panels were a "partisan power grab regarding the committee assignments of the other party."

Marjorie Taylor Greene | AFP

Hoyer said the impasse left him with no choice but to bring the issue of disciplining Greene to a House vote on Thursday.

"It is clear there is no alternative to holding a floor vote on the resolution to remove Rep. Greene from her committee assignments," Hoyer said.

McCarthy shot back, warning that the vote served to "distract" Congress from addressing pressing issues like coronavirus relief and vaccine distribution.

But Greene's case has consumed Capitol Hill, enflaming Republican divisions as the party grapples over whether to move on from the bellicose politics of former president Donald Trump, or to embrace them.

The 46-year-old conservative from the southern state of Georgia aligns with Trump, and said last weekend that the two spoke by telephone. *AP*

Countries increasingly pursuing dissidents abroad

There have been a sharp increase in countries methodically extending political repression beyond their borders with little repercussion, according to a report released by the US-based Freedom House

UNORTHODOX METHODS

- The globalisation of activism due to migration and digital communications has increased regimes' perception of the threat that exiles pose, the report noted
- Countries are increasingly using unorthodox methods to repress exiled dissidents
- **Those include:** using passport restrictions to control a national's movements abroad, harassing them online, using spyware to track them and threatening family members at home to pressure them
- Such activities have, for many regimes, become "a common and institutionalized practice... to control people outside their borders," the report by Freedom House said

CHINA: THE WORST CASE

- The worst offender is China, methodically deploying every possible tactic against dissidents and activists abroad, including Han Chinese, Uighurs and Tibetans
- China has exerted pressure on countries like Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Kenya to extradite or deport hundreds of Uighurs

TURKEY: CLOSE RUNNER-UP

- Turkey runs a close second in the methodical use of repression beyond its borders, according to the report, especially after the July 2016 coup attempt
- With the opposition Gulen movement as the principle target, Ankara has indulged in murders, renditions of dozens, physical threats and "mobility controls" — passport cancellation and denial of consular services
- According to the report, Ankara's campaign "is remarkable for its intensity, its geographic reach, and the suddenness with which it escalated

SAUDI, RUSSIA TOO IN THE LIST

- Other countries singled out in the report for concerted campaigns against their nationals abroad include Uzbekistan, Rwanda, Russia, Tajikistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia
- "By uploading spurious notices into the system, regimes can have exiles detained or deported, sometimes even if they are already recognized as refugees," it said

WORRYING STATS

608 cases of direct and physical "transnational repression" by 31 countries since 2014

26 transnational assassinations or attempts at it since 2014

58 per cent , the origin state accused the targted individual of terrorism

12 cases of misuse of Interpol listing

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
358 ▲	Sensex	50,614	₹50 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,890	₹1,000 ▼	Per kg	₹72,200	▼	Dollar	72.94
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BOLD, ASPIRATIONAL BUDGET DURING TAXING TIMES

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the roadmap for future growth through her pragmatic Budget, and the onus is now on the private sector to lead India on the path to growth, say top doyens of industry and banking sector during **TNIE's e-expressions**

AUTO SECTOR MUST INVEST IN E-VEHICLE INFRA

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AN increase in capital expenditure and infrastructure spending will not only drive economic growth but also lead to demand creation, said industrialist **Venu Srinivasan**, Chairman and MD of TVS Motor Company. He was speaking during the latest edition of *e-expressions* titled *Budgeting for India's Decade*.

"We did not have much expectation from the Budget because we were coming out from a pandemic and there was also a huge fiscal deficit... However, the Budget focused on increasing Capex and infrastructure spending, which I believe is the best thing for future because this is necessary for our economy to grow and make it more competitive," said Srinivasan.

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Venu Srinivasan, MD TVS Motor Company

"Look at China, the entire Chinese economy is based on excellent investment on infrastructure. I believe transparency in the Budget with increased focus on infra is the step forward," he said.

To push growth via infrastructure creation, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced hiking the government's capital expenditure for FY 2021-22 by 34.5% to ₹5.5 lakh crore in her February 1 budget speech. The Central government's planned capital expenditure for the current fiscal has been increased to ₹4.39 lakh crore, as against the budgeted ₹4.12 lakh crore.

Venu pointed out many bold steps in the Budget that will help the government meet its revenue target. "We have been slowly disinvesting and now we have moved to privatisation which is a solid thing," he said.

While the government and the industry beleives that increased infrastructure spending will combat current crisis such as high unemployment rate and slowdown in rural consumption, there is a big concern related to fund raising. To meet its expenditure target, the government will have to borrow ₹3,500 crore per day. This may leave the future generation in debt.

Srinivasan said the answer lies in where we should invest. "This is first time when expenditure is focused on Capex. I think, if we invest in infra which has economic payback, then we will be able to recover money and reduce debt servicing. Investing in areas with no return is an issue. That's where we are today and there is a major change in this direction," he said.

As regards the auto sector, Venu sees a significant increase in industry Capex. "Two reasons will drive investment in the auto sector this decade. One is capacity expansion. Our exports is growing , led by Bajaj and followed by TVS. The second is shift towards Electric transportation era. All the players will have to invest heavily here," he said.

TVS' total exports grew by 43% registering 100,926 units in the month of January 2021 as against 70,784 units in January 2020. Two-wheeler exports registered a growth of 56% with 89,380 units in January 2021 as against 57,432 units in January 2020, despite scarcity in availability of containers.

The demand in export market continues to be robust, the company had said. The company is also expanding its EV portfolio and launched iQube Electric scooter in New Delhi on Thursday.

PSU banks' divestment will consolidate sector

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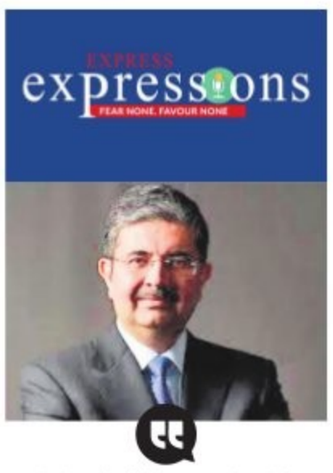
HAILING the announcement of Finance Minister to privatise two PSU banks as a bold move as part of measures to realise the ₹1.75 lakh crore divestment target, **Uday Kotak** , president of the Confederation of Indian Industries(CII) and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, said the historic decision would effectively help the State Bank of India and the four merged banks to consolidate.

Kotak was speaking with TNIE Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla during e-expressions, a TNIE series of live web casts with people who matter. He said that he could not recall any incident of the government privatising banks throughout his career. "It's like the bigger banks like SBI and the merged banks would consolidate, while the government tests waters by privatising smaller ones," Kotak said. Responding to a query whether India would be able to achieve its divestment target, considering its poor track record, Kotak said that the announcement in the Budget was a very bold step, which would further consolidate the banking and financial services sector.

Hailing the Budget as transparent, with pro-private enterprises and pro-market stance, Kotak said that slowly the country was now opening up to reforms.

"Across board, small and big enterprises have to take risks, create jobs while the government is with them. For me, the only thing I did not expect in Budget was no hike in taxes," he said.



Priority should be on maintaining a delicate balance between growth and inflation, especially announcements made in the interest rate-scenario

Uday Kotak, President CII

Kotak said normalisation of fiscal deficit will take place over the next three years. "We have to look at signs of our times. Coming out of the pandemic, the thrust was to save lives and livelihoods. At this point, a sudden tightening of the fiscal deficit wouldn't have been appropriate.

The deficit for the FY21 pegged at 9.5% GDP is certainly higher than our estimates of 7.5%," he said. However, the financial numbers in the Budget 2021 exhibit more transparency, especially when it comes to food subsidies. The CII President said that some deficit was certainly there in previous budgets, but the governments didn't show them to the public.

Kotak welcomed the bigger allocation to the Capex saying that this is going to bring sustainable growth. Notably, India has hiked its capital expenditure by 34.5% to ₹5.54 trillion in FY22, which will constitute 15.9% of the overall spending.

While the Centre announced that it will stick to its ₹12 lakh crore market borrowing plan for this fiscal, an increase of more than 50% of Budget estimates, Kotak said that the borrowing is from future generations. Hence, it is our duty to invest in the right kind of assets which generate returns over in future, he stated.

Kotak noted that a very close coordination between govt and RBI is also needed to ensure that during the transformation there is no overcrowding of investments financing by private sector.

Tap manpower to rise as alternative to China as global manufacturing hub

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Irrespective of the political conflict, a global rhetoric on having an alternative to China for manufacturing serves as a huge opportunity to India in particular, and Southeast Asia in general, **Sanjiv Bajaj**, Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv, said during e-expressions. Bajaj said this could essentially be a multi –year effort and schemes like production-linked incentive were a step in the right direction.

"Nobody has the capacity and manpower like India and the government also seems to be keen on tapping this. But this requires a multi-year effort, and the execution has to be really good. During the pandemic, the significant fiscal stimulus that came multiple times is in fact a testament to the current government's good intent," Bajaj said.

Responding to a question on how to get the consumption back on track after the Covid induced slowdown, Bajaj said that the budget has rightly stressed on infrastructure, which will create employment and generate demand.

"If you look at the early 2000s, we were infrastructure-focused,

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Sanjiv Bajaj, MD Bajaj Finserv

including development of airports and power generation, which in turn led to common man spending and helped economy grow by 9-9.5%. But then economic downturn happened followed by the pandemic. We really have to focus on it now," he added.

While referring to the announcements made in the Budget related to divestments of two Public Sector Undertaking banks banks, LIC's initial public offering, setting up of a development financial institution, as significant steps, Bajaj said that this will play a big role in supporting India's economic growth.

When asked about whether the Budget figures are really transparent, considering a huge borrowing of ₹12 lakh crore, Bajaj said that the inclusion of expenditures on balance sheets of government does reflect transparency.

"We are at the better end of the pandemic now. As long as we can ensure quick vaccination in the country, it will help in building consumer confidence and subsequently spending. Private sector investments will follow. This cycle aims at building the economy and meeting the fiscal deficit target," Bajaj said.

He noted that unlike the western world, which is a working capital society, India is a capital-investment economy and the need is to invest in infrastructure.

Hence, some deficit is understandable. It is quality of the spending that matters so that we have long-term returns, he said.

Delightful, but tourism sector needs attention

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A phenomenal focus of the Centre on growth was a delight for **Chandrajit Banerjee**, Director General at Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). "The government has betted on growth and this has been across the spectrum of the Budget. This Budget for the first time speaks of privatisation and not just disinvestment. Not worrying much about fiscal deficit in order to raise funds, the government has shown huge boldness in reforms," said Banerjee in the latest edition of e-expressions.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget speech said the government will borrow about ₹12 lakh crore in FY22, adding that the expenditure for the next fiscal has been pegged at ₹34.83 lakh crore, which includes ₹5.54 lakh crore of capital expenditure. The fiscal deficit for FY21 is pegged at 9.5% of GDP which is significantly higher than previous estimations. According to the FM, deficit will come down to 6.8% in FY22. However, these numbers are significantly higher than previous year deficits. India's fiscal deficit had widened to 4.6% of GDP in FY20 from 3.4% in FY19.

On asked where the ₹12 lakh crore borrowing would come from, Banerjee said besides raising funds via privatisation and disinvestment, there is a need today and the need itself would help with implementation. He added that there are certain critical areas for immediate intervention. "One is deepening the recovery, catapulting demand and improving credibility, and employment generation which is the most effective way to achieve inclusive growth."

On asked what was missed in the Budget, Banerjee said there are certain sectors such as hospitality, tourism and aviation crying for help and there was nothing for them. According to him, a huge amount of payment is pending to the private sector, which needs to be settled. Banerjee feels that focus on rural infra, road construction and health needs to be nurtured as they have multiplying effect on economy and create a large number of jobs.

PROFIT & LOSS

TATA POWER

REPORTS 22% JUMP IN NET PROFIT

Chennai: Tata Power reported over 22% rise in consolidated net profit at `318.41 crore for December quarter 2020-21. The net profit was `260.1 crore during the same period a year ago. Total income rose to `7,702.84 crore in the quarter from `7,136.04 crore in the same period a year ago. The company attributed the rise in profit to higher revenues. The company also believes the pandemic will not have much impact on its business. "The management believes that there is not much of an impact likely due to this pandemic except that there exists some uncertainty over impact of Covid-19 on future performance of some joint ventures involved in coal mining and an associate engaged in providing engineering, procurement and construction services," it added. The said uncertainty is not likely to impact the recoverability of the carrying value of its investment in such joint ventures and associate.

NTPC

16% HIKE IN PROFIT, TO PAY INTERIM DIVIDEND AT 30%

Chennai: NTPC on Thursday posted a nearly 16% rise in consolidated net profit at `3,876.36 crore for the December quarter, against `3,351.28 crore reported in the same period a year ago. The company's board has decided to pay an interim dividend at the rate of 30 per cent (`3 per share) on the face value of paid-up equity shares of `10 each for the financial year 2020-21. Total income in the quarter rose to `28,387.27 crore from `27,120.35 crore in the year-ago period. Gross power generation of NTPC Group in the December quarter of this fiscal was at 65.41 billion units as against 61.21 billion units in the year-ago period. The company's Plant Load Factor (PLF) or capacity utilisation of coal-based projects was 64.31% in the quarter under review as compared to 63.48% in the same period a year ago.

SUNDRAM FASTENERS

20% JUMP IN STANDALONE NET PROFIT

Chennai: Auto component maker Sundram Fasteners Ltd has reported 20.6% rise in its standalone net profits for the quarter ending December at `124.24 crore. TheTVS Group company had recorded standalone net profits at `103.06 crore during corresponding quarter previous year. The total income on a standalone basis for the quarter under review grew to `945.41 crore from `701.22 crore registered in the same quarter last fiscal. The company said the domestic sales for the quarter under were at `637.01 crore as against `446.05 crore during previous year on the back of increase in demand. Export sales for the quarter under review grew to `277.20 crore as against `224.18 crore registered in the same period last fiscal. The company said its EBITDA for the quarter ending December 31, 2020 was at `205.85 crore as against `124.54 crore registered in the same period last fiscal.

Govt alone can't do it, says FM as she urges India Inc to invest

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FINANCE Nirmala Sitharaman urged the industry to come forward to make investments as government alone would not be able to meet the demand of an aspirational India.

"Government alone, even if it brings bagsful of money, cannot just meet the demand of the growing and aspirational India," Sitharaman said in her address to the FICCI's National Executive Committee Meeting.

She said that the government has extended all the support the industry required during the pandemic. "I hope the industry will understand the spirit with which the Budget is placed before you and therefore come forward to participate in this inevitable exercise. Industry, having cleared all its debts and finances, should now be in a position to invest money to expand and grow and clearly show signs that it is now ready to receive any joint ventures for the sake of technology that it prefers to have," Sitharaman emphasised.

The finance minister further stated that for providing immediate stimulus to the economy, the government will be spending in a big way in public infrastructure. Three large areas where big ticket expenditure will happen are infrastructure, health and agriculture.

Sitharaman said that the Budget was trying to raise resources which were non-tax at a time when the country needed a lot of money to spend.

"It's a Budget which raises resources but not on the back of increased taxation. There is a directional change in the Budget which is so distinct that it will fuel the entrepreneurial spirit which the Indians show given the right opportunities," she added. The meeting was attended by Finance secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey.

SBI Q3 net profit down 7% to ₹5,196 cr

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COUNTRY'S largest lender, State Bank of India, reported a 7% drop in its third-quarter profit on Thursday. Due to higher provisions, the bank also witnessed a dip in income from its corporate banking operations to account for the drop in profit.

The net profit fell to ₹5,196 crore ($712.73 million) for the quarter ended December 31, against a record profit of ₹5,583 crore reported in the same quarter last year when the bank was able to resolve some large bad loan accounts.

For the reporting quarter, its core net interest income grew 3.75% to ₹27,779 crore on the back of a 6.73% credit growth and a 0.21% contraction in the net interest margin to 3.12%.

Its overall capital adequacy stood at 14.5% as of December 31, 2020. SBI's gross advances rose 6.7% YoY to ₹24.56 lakh crore, led by a pre-Covid level growth of 15.5% in retail loans. Home loans, which constitute 23% of bank's domestic advances, also grew by 10%.

From an asset quality perspective, its proforma slippage — loans which would have to be classified as gross non-performing assets but for the Supreme Court's standstill order — stood at ₹16,461 crore. It received applications of ₹18,125 crore of assets to be recast under a special dispensation introduced by the RBI.

SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara said the overall slippages and restructuring number stands at ₹41,216 crore as of the nine months ending December and the bank is confident of meeting its guidance of containing this number at ₹60,000 crore for FY21.

The bank set aside ₹2,071 crore for proforma slippages, ₹814 crore for restructuring applications and added ₹3,000 crore to take the general Covid-19 contingency to ₹6,008 crore.

On the future outlook on stress, Khara said it has minimal exposure to sectors in difficulty like textiles, hospitality and aviation, with each occupying around 1% of the book.

EXPRESS READ

Domestic steel manufacturers worried

Chennai: A temporary suspension of anti-dumping duties and countervailing duties on stainless steel products announced by the Centre in the budget is likely to hurt the domestic manufacturers, besides increasing the imports of cheap Chinese products. "The temporary suspension of countervailing duties on stainless steel flat product imports has been a big unintentional gift to Chinese companies at the expense of domestic industry, which has been in financial stress for more than a decade. For Chinese companies in Indonesia, this translates into heavy flooding of Indian markets with duty-free imports under the ASEAN FTA," said K K Pahuja, president of Indian Stainless Steel Development Association (ISSDA).

Ather Energy starts works at Hosur unit

Chennai: Electric vehicle maker Ather Energy has started operations at its new plant in Hosur in Tamil Nadu. The plant spread over 400,000 sq. ft will manufacture electric scooters along with lithium-ion batteries. The company has signed an agreement with the Tamil Nadu government in 2019 to invest ₹635 crore in the plant that will create around 4,000 jobs in five years. A manufacturing facility at Hosur was an ideal choice considering that it is close to our R&D facilities in Bengaluru and most of the existing and potential future supply base is operating in the region. The availability of a built-up option of our desired scale and proximity helped in the decision making, the company had said earlier.

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Tender Enquiry No.	564/DB-200/2021 dated 04.02.2021
Scope / Short Description	Selection of Service providers for Spot Billing in 93 no. Operation (DS) Division and 60 no. AP feeder meter readings across PSPCL.
Pre-bid Meeting	NA
Last date of Downloading of Specification / Tender documents from PSPCL website.	19.02.2021 up to 10.00 A.M
Last date of Uploading of Tenders	19.02.2021 up to 11.00 A.M
Date & time of opening of tenders	22.02.2021 at 11.30 A.M
Cost of Tender Specification	NIL

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1. The details regarding e-tendering process may be seen on **https:/eproc.punjab.gov.in.nicgep/app** it may be noted that no hard copy of the specification will be issued by this office and the specification can only be downloaded from the above mentioned website.
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No. CAMC2123, Dt.03/02/2021
(Two Packet Bidding System)

Estimated cost: 1.88 Crores

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No.01/CE/CN/ERS/2021(OT)
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2	Urban Ballari	94.46
3	H.B. Halli	28.01
4	Urban Hospet	20.60
5	Rural Raichur	14.20
6	Urban Raichur	22.48
7	Sindhanur	80.34
8	Gangavathi	44.29
9	Koppal	48.46

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ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 04-02-2021

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2020-21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ, ಸನ್ 2015-16 ಸಾಲಿನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಂಸದರ ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮವದನ್ವಯ PWD/HDMC/ಇತರೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು. (1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-111354 ರೂ. **5.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-112374 ರೂ. **10.40** ಲಕ್ಷ (3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-112462 ರೂ. **80.00** ಲಕ್ಷ. ಮರು ಕರೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ-104462 ರೂ. **8.35** ಲಕ್ಷ (6ನೇ ಕರೆ) ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **0836-2213834** ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ http:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿ: **08-02-2021** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **16-02-2021** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ. 01, 02 ಹಾಗೂ 04ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 03ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **17-02-2021** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 03ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **20-02-2021** ರಂದು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ಉತ್ತರ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ,
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/699/2020-21

Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No:EE/PWD&IWTD/KD/TS-3/Tender Notification/2019-20/6378 Date:04.02.2021

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

1) Name of Work : Executive Engineer PWD & IWTD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender (KW-3 &KW-4) for 5054 Appemdix-E (03) Works for the year 2020-21, 2) Estimated Cost : Estimate cost Minimum 89.25Lakhs & Maximum 177.76Lakhs, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : PWD, Registered Class-I, 4) Tender fees and EMD details : Application Fees as per e-procurement EMD Declaration As per Govt Order, 5) Pre Bid Meeting : **12/02/2021 (11.00 Hrs),** 6) Last date for queries : **15/02/2021 (16.30 Hrs),** 7) Last date for submission of tender : **16/02/2021 (16.00 Hrs),** 8) Date of opening of Technical Bid :**17/02/2021 (16.30 Hrs),** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **19/02/2021 (16.30 Hrs),** 10) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD & IWTD Division Kalaburagi, 11) website :www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

DIP/Kalaburagi/856/MC&A/2020-21

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Kalaburagi

Government of Karnataka
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Office of the The Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Division, Gadag Phone: 08372-297256. Email id : ee.rws.gdg@gmail.com

Tender Notification No EE/RDWSS/GDG/AE/TND/2020-21/1797 Date : 03.02.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Gadag invites Work tender from eligible PRED Contractor related to RDWS&S Division, Gadag District, for the works with details as given below

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Amount Put to Tender	EMD Amount
1	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28176/Call2	108.92 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
2	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28559/Call2	217.04 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
3	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28170/Call2	162.08 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
4	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT27283/Call2	87.69 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
5	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT26639/Call2	67.02 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
6	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28579/Call2	144.17 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
7	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT26718/Call2	72.86 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
8	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT26709/Call2	78.13 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
9	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT27675/Call2	55.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
10	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT27290/Call2	64.92 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
11	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30727/Call2	163.24 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
12	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30697/Call2	169.83 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
13	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30726/Call2	173.96 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
14	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28590/Call2	178.87 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
15	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28592/Call2	169.96 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
16	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28594/Call2	113.60 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
17	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28593/Call2	148.04 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
18	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28598/Call2	146.10 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
19	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28597/Call2	195.30 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
20	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT28241/Call2	90.11 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
21	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT27414/Call2	86.37 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
22	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT27412/Call2	84.09 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc
23	RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT29044/Call2	88.96 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು	As per E-proc

The eligible bidders are required to submit through E-Procurement mode only & for More details can be had from this office and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking **List of Tenders** which will link to all Dept. works list.The date of starting of tender is **04.02.2021**, Date of Pre-Bid meeting **06.02.2021**, Last date for tender queries is **12.02.2021**, Last date for Bid Submission is **15.02.2021**, Date of opening of technical Bid is **17.02.2021** & Date of opening of financial Bid is **19.02.2021**.

DIPR/GADAG/MCA/451/2020-21

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Gadag,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Krishnamma** D/o. Venkateshappa, aged about 57 years, R/at Bhagath Singh Nagara, Ward No. 3, Chikkaballapura Town, Chikkaballapura Dist. have filed the petition for the death certificate of **one Late Venkataswamappa S/o. Late Poojari Ramaiah @ Ramaiah** who was died on 15-08-1984 at Ward No. 23, Akkupete, Devanahalli, Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. **At Devanahalli** and **date of hearing on 01/03/2021** at 11.00 A.M. **In C. Misc No. 19/2021**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

Sri M.M. Srinivas, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby inform to the public that my client Smt.Monika Karthik, Aged 28 years and Sri.Karthik Krishna Kumar, Aged 35 years, Residing at no.2, Block II, S.B.M. Colony, Sriramapura 2nd Stage, Mysore-23 intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its lawful owner Sri K.N. CHIDANANDA, aged about 71 years, Son of K.T. Narasimhaswamy, residing at No. 173, Byrasandra Main Road, 1st Block, East Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011 and if any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s may send their objections with all supporting documents to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this publication, failing which my client would proceed to purchase the Schedule property as if there is no claims/ objections.

SCHEDULE

Site bearing No. 88, present BBMP Khatha No. 272/279/ 88/287, in Sy.No.1, situated at Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Yelachenahalli Ward No. 185, of Bikasipura, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 60 feets, North to South 40 feets and bounded on

EAST BY:: Site No. 81; WEST BY:: 30 feet Road
NORTH BY:: Site No. 89; SOUTH BY:: Site No. 87

K. V. SRINIVAS, Advocate
Mobile No. 9845397366
No. 727/9, SLN RESIDENCY, 9th Main, 4th 'B' Cross, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560022.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (DRT-II)
No.4, 1st Floor, Jeevan Mangala Building, Residency Road, Bangalore-560 025

O.A. No. 1209 of 2018

Between:
Corporation Bank,
Now Union bank of India
Tubgere Doddaballapura ...Applicant
And
Sri. Basavaraju & Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

To. Defendants: 1) Sri. Basavaraju S/o. Sri. Munianjinappa R/at Gangasandra Village Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore Rural district 561203. 2) Sri. Kadirayya C/o. Lakshmidevapura Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore Rural District 561203.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for a recovery of a sum of **Rs.12,62,826/-** (inclusive of principal and 2% penal interest)

2. The above mentioned defendant is hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **05.04.2021** at **10.30** AM as to why relief/s prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **18.12.2020** at Bangalore.

By Order of Tribunal-II Registrar, Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHITRA SUJITH NAIR, D/o Krishnan Chakkanchath Menon, C/o ARK Diagnostics Bangalore Pvt Ltd, ARK Hose Plot No. 92893, Sakalavara Village, Opp Nimhans-Sakalavarajigni, Bangalore - 560083, have changed my name as CHITRA KRISHNAN MENON vide affidavit dated 04/02/2021 sworn before notary B.Chitra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SIVAJI RAJU BHUPATHIRAJU, S/o SITARAMA RAJU BHUPATHIRAJU, r/o-4503, Vijay Koncept Residency, Nandi Enclave Apartment, 2nd Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560085, India, declare that my name has been entered as SIVAJI RAJU BHUPATHI in my Passport. The actual name of mine is SIVAJI RAJU BHUPATHIRAJU which may be amended accordingly. Sworn before Notary H.G. Padmanabha Rao, vide affidavit dated 30.1.2021 at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VIJAYALAKSHMI ACHAR** D/o Chandrayya Acharya. W/o. Sri. Deepak.B.Prabhu Aged 36 years, r/a No. 010205, Sriram Chirping Woods, 12th Main Road, Shubh Enclave, Haralur Road, Bangalore – 560 102 have changed my name from **Vijayalakshmi Achar** to **Shreeya D. Prabhu** vide affidavit dated 1-2-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **RAMACHANDRAN NAIR,** R/a #7, Surya Layout, Arekere Mico Layout, Bengaluru-76, hereby affirm that my father's name is **NARAYANA PILLAY** and not **GOVINDAN NAIR** as mentioned in my PAN Card vide affidavit dated 01-02-2021 sworn before Notary **Mr. Hegde Ganapathy Venkataraman,** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

We, **1) RAJESH M** S/o Muni Chowdappa, aged about 42 years and **2) SHUBHA NAYAKA C.J.** W/o Rajesh M, aged about 33 years, both are R/a No. 56, Muneshwara Nilaya, 1st Main Road, Narayanappa Garden, Thavarekere, Dharmaram College, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560029, do hereby declare that we have changed our daughter name from **R. CHANDANA** to **RUPALIKA** and in her birth certificate mother name is entered as **SHUBHA NAYAKA** instead of **SHUBHA NAYAKA C.J.**, vide affidavit dated 03-06-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DEESHA MARSANI** W/o Sharan Anil Lal, aged about 33 years, R/a Kenilworth, No. 4, Cunningham Cresent, Bangalore-560001, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DEESHA MARSANI** to **DEESHA LAL**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **DEESHA LAL** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 04-02-2021, sworn before advocate and Notary **N. NARAYANA SWAMY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SRI AAKASH GUBBI** S/o Sri Rajanna K G, aged about 39 years, R/a Doddakattigenahalli, Gopalapura Post, Gubbi Taluk, Tumakuru District-572216, now at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **THONTADHARYA K R** to **SRI AAKASH GUBBI**, vide affidavit dated 04-02-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHANDRAVATHI .N,** R/at No.14/A, 1st Main Road, Nethaji Nagar, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bengaluru, permanent R/at No.1024, 1st Block, 2nd Floor, Appaswamy Circle, Arcot Road A.V.M.Nagar, Virugambakkam, Chennai-600093, have changed name of my minor son from **ARJUN .M** to **ARJUN SAI .S**, vide affidavit dated: 04/02/2021, before notary **C.V. EARAPPA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJUNATHA TUMKUR LAKSHMANA**, R/at No.36, Tuda Layout Aralimarada Palya Main Road, Sade Palya, Sira Gate Tumkur, Tumakuru, Karnataka-pin-572106, presently camped at Bengaluru City have changed my name from **MANJUNATHA LAKSHMANA (Old Name)** to **MANJUNATHA TUMKUR LAKSHMANA (New Name),** vide affidavit dated : 04/02/2021, before Notary **C.V. EARAPPA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KANCHAN PAHUJA**, aged about 37 years, W/o Jimmy Pahuja, R/a D-26, Golden Enclave, Old Airport Road, Bengaluru-560017, have changed my name to **KANCHAN KANDHARI**, vide affidavit dated 04-02-2021, sworn before Notary **O.S. CHENGAPPA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **IMRAN PASHA** S/o Ameer Jan, R/a #318, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, L.R.Nagar, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560047 have changed my name to **IMMANUEL**, vide affidavit dated 02-02-2021 sworn before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No. **JC 312401A SUB POTHAPPAN. S, UNIT OF 3KK NCC BN,** Race Course Road, Bangalore, have changed my son name from **DILIP** to **P. DILIP** vide affidavit dated 03.02.2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BINDU SHAJI SPOUSE OF NO. JC 310876L SUB SHAJI ITTIAVIRAH, Residing at Kalloparampil (House) Mundapuzha Ranni (Po) Pathanamthitta(Dist), Kerala (State) Pin: 689672, have changed my name from **BINDU SHAJI** to **BINDU ABRAHAM** vide affidavit dated 03.02.2021 sworn before notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARCHANA JAGANNATHA SHETTY** W/o **Jayakara Shivarama Shetty** R/at No.08, Aradhya, 4th main 1st cross, Balaji Layout, Kodigehalli main road, Bengaluru-560094 have changed my name to **ARCHANA JAYAKARA SHETTY** vide affidavit dated:1/2/2021 Before Notary **Jalandhara** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ABDUL NOOR DANISH ABDUL NOOR** (A N Danish Abdul Noor), R/at Flat No.4GM /402, United Amber Block 2, HRBR Layout, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to **DANISH ABDUL NOOR** vide affidavit dated:4/2/2021 Before Notary **Smt.Rajamani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Jayakara Shetty** S/o **Shivarama Shetty Molahalli Koikadil** R/at No.08, Aradhya, 4th main 1st cross, Balaji Layout, Kodigehalli main road, Bengaluru-560094 have changed my name to **JAYAKARA SHIVARAMA SHETTY** vide affidavit dated:1/2/2021 Before Notary **Jalandhara** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KRISHNAN SAINATH,** R/at Flat No.A5 109 Karsten Palm Groves Ground Floor Opp Spurthy School, Marsurgate, Chandapura, Bengaluru-562106, have changed my name to **KRISHNAN IYER** vide affidavit dated:23/1/2021Before Notary **G.Kaspar** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **TABASSUM NOORULLA SHAIK** R/at No.22, 3rd Cross, A K Colony, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to **SHAIK TABASSUM** vide affidavit dated:4/2/2021 Before Notary **Smt.Rajamani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sri SIDDARAJU .B,** S/o Sri Bettappa, aged about 44 years, R/at No.13, 8th Cross, Opp. Giri Maruthi School, Muneshwara Block, Bangalore South, Government Electric Factory, Bangalore-560026, have changed my son's name from **SUJAN .S** to **SOMASHEKAR .S** vide affidavit darted 03.02.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **K. GUNDE GOWDA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAHADEVA PRASAD .B**, S/o Basavaraju, aged about 27 years, R/at Musuvina Koppalu Village, Sosale Hobli, T. Narasipura Taluk, M. Kebbehundi, Mysore-571110, today at Bengaluru, have changed my name from **MAHADEVA PRASAD .B** to **PRASAD GOWDA .B**, vide affidavit dated 04.02.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **R. SULAKSHANA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GAFOOR SAYED AIMAN D/o Abdul Gafoor,** have changed my name as **SAYED AIMAN ABDUL GAFOOR,** vide affidavit dated 04-02-2021 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANIMEGALA D.**, Aged about 32 years, W/o. Senthil, Residing at No. 70/7, Opp. Lakshmi Sai Prasanna P.G., Bommanahallil, Bangalore - 560 068, have changed my name from **MANIMEGALA SENTHIL** to **MANIMEGALA D.** vide affidavit dated 28.01.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary Dharani P., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Zunida Begum W/o. S. Abdul Salam, aged about 6 Years, Residing at No. 125, 5th Cross, 1st Main Road, Muneshwara Nagara, Pattagarpalya, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560079 have changed my name to A JUNAIDA BEGAM vide Affidavit dated 04.02.2021, sworn to before Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore**

LOST

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main, Secondary, Examination of Year 2019 and ROll No.4188506 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the Candidate: **Priyanka Prakash Katariya.** Full Address/Tel. Flat No.5,502, Ahad Euphoria, Sarjapur Road, Kodathi, Bangalore-560035, Phone: 97699 65593.

LOST

I, **Kushal S.,** S/o. Sri. Surendran P., aged major, residing at No. 244/4, 4th Main, Milk Colony, Malleshwaram Post, Bengaluru-560 003, I have Lost my original Marks Statement of All- Indian Secondary School Examination 2018, issued by CBSE, bearing Certificate No. 0578510, Roll No. 405375, while travelling at Subramanya Nagar, Bengaluru. If anybody found please inform (Mobile: 8217424452). I sworn the affidavit dated 04.02.2021 regarding this before Notary A.C. Subbu Swamy, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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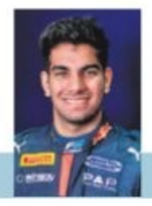
I, **ANNOUNCEMENT**

I, Asha Devi, D/o Late. Anjaneyalu, Legally wife of Vemula Rangaiah, Presently residing at No. 24,

Jehan creates history in F3 Asian Championship



India's top racer Jehan Daruvala created history in the Formula 3 Asian Championship, scoring a victory for Mumbai Falcons, an all-Indian outfit, on Thursday. He started on pole and led every lap to comfortably win Race 1 of Round 2 in the continent's premier championship.

TIME FOR TEST DRIVE

With one World Test Championship title-decider spot up for grabs, India face England in the first Test from today

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

TEST cricket in India is a hard grind. One of the reasons that touring sides find it difficult to beat India is by the fourth innings, they run out of battery. On conditions that can be energy sapping, opponents struggle to maintain intensity and clarity levels right through the five days. Over the last five years, most visiting captains have not even had a chance to complain about the pitches. It is at the application level that they have been found wanting, especially when it matters most.

Since the 2015 series against South Africa, India have seldom played on rank turners. They have instead resorted to playing on what you can call true India surfaces that many of the current lot face in domestic cricket. A pitch that has runs written all over it, where pacers will have something to do in the first hour before spinners take control as the match advances. There is nothing secretive about it. It is playing the waiting game. And India, with every series at home, have only grown from strength to strength.

With quality spinners at their disposal, which opponents don't have in these conditions, India will enter the series against England with an upper hand. Lets not even talk about India's pace battery, they are so good they match their spinners and sometimes outbowls even them at home these days.

Against such an attack, showing patience and respect for prolonged periods is an art not many opposition have mastered. And it is this Indian side, sans couple of their match-winners — Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami — that England will face a challenge to overcome the next month.

India's strategy at home has been to field to at least five bowlers. With the MA Chidambaram Stadium pitch wearing a look of a typical Chepauk surface after days of 'English look', the hosts will play Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma, Ravichandran Ashwin and Kuldeep Yadav. They are yet to decide on whether to stick with Washington Sundar or hand a debut to left-arm spinner Axar Patel, who is similar to Jadeja. With Ashwin and Kuldeep bringing the ball back into the right-hander, it shouldn't come as a surprise if they opt for Axar because he offers something different.

"The reason was basically to have someone similar to Jadeja's skills as to what they provide to the team which Axar (on why he was picked in the squad) brings in all three departments of the game. That falls in our plans. Since Jaddu was not available, Axar was preferred, because he brings in the same kind of discipline on the field," Kohli said.

With four Test matches lined up with hardly any rest, India have decided to rest Mohammed Siraj as they have a seasoned pro in Ishant who has played 97 Tests. Apart from being disciplined in these conditions, the 32-year-old's ability to contain has also helped spinners exert more pressure. Bumrah, who missed the Brisbane Test, will finally get to play his first Test in home conditions. But there's a strong chance he would be rested for at least one of the next three Tests.

Against an English side that will be rotating several of their regulars, it is hard to see India not beating them, but there are enough reasons to not let complacency creep in. England are also a team that prefers having enough bowling options. But their problems will begin the moment the new ball loses shine as apart from Moeen Ali, none of their spinners have any experience of bowling in India. In that sense Jack Leach and Dom Bess are in virgin territory.

While it's hard to pick holes in this Indian line-up, they have issues at the top. Although Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill will open, it is one area where India haven't found a settled pair. This series provides those two a platform to cement their spots.

1570
Runs scored in 19 Tests by Virat Kohli vs England. He is sixth on the list of India batsmen with most runs against England.

1421
Runs Joe Root has scored in 16 Tests vs India, 4th most by an English batsman.

8
India have won all of their last 8 Tests at home, a streak that began in 2018.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

OVERALL	MAT: 122	IN INDIA	MAT: 60	AT CHENNAI	MAT: 9
India 26	India 19	India 5
England 47	England 13	England 3
Draw 49	Draw 28	Draw 1

India opener Shubman Gill during a net session on the eve of the first Test against England, in Chennai | BCCI

FIRST DAY, FIRST SHOW

International cricket returns to India with Virat Kohli & Co taking on England in a four-Test series beginning today...

Crawley out with injury

England opener Zak Crawley was on Thursday ruled out of the first two Test matches after sustaining a freak wrist injury. This leaves the visitors with Dom Sibley and Rory Burns as opening options, solving the conundrum.

The spin question

With Ravindra Jadeja ruled out, it has to be seen who partners R Ashwin. Kuldeep Yadav, who hasn't played in Tests since January 2019, is expected to play. It will be a toss-up between Washington Sundar and Axar Patel.

England skipper Joe Root | ECB

Pitch & conditions

Pitch at MA Chidambaram Stadium has traditionally favoured spinners. It is expected to be the same for the first Test also. It will be hot and humid day throughout the five days.

Live on Star Sports 1 9:30 am onwards

Not beyond reach

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

SOMETIME on Thursday evening Joe Root will have taken his guitar out in his hotel room at Leela Palace. Just to relax himself, he will have played something on it. Or maybe he will tuned onto the BBL match between Perth Scorchers and Brisbane Heat. The England captain uses both these techniques — playing the guitar and/or watching cricket on TV — to calm himself and get away from thinking about the game ahead of a big series. "Anything really to keep me relaxed and calm," he said on the eve of the opening Test.

His troops and him have to be that and so much more if England are to repeat their achievements from 2012. Winning a series in India is the hardest assignment in world cricket. Picture this: Out of a total of 429 Tests with home advantage (excluding neutral venues) since 2010, there have been 118 away wins. A win every 3.63 Tests for away sides. How does that number compare to India? India have hosted 50 Tests in the same period, with away sides winning only four of those. A win every 12.5 Tests. Even in an era where it's hard for overseas sides to do well, India's record in at home is bullying territory. It's this veneer of invincibility that England, and Root, will seek to destroy over the next month. Can they?

For that to happen, Root & Co. need only to go through their second innings scoreboards from the last time they were here: 260/3 decl, 158, 236, 195 and 207. Batting first in the subcontinent is, supposedly, half the battle won. Yet, the visitors, who batted first in four of the five Tests, failed to capitalise after decent starts (they made 400 or more in three of the five games). They also let the Indian batsmen get away — the hosts made over 400 in each of their first innings. The reason behind this was they didn't construct many partnerships with bat and ball. There were a few individual efforts but they were found wanting as a group. Root hopes to address this.

"For us to win the series, it's gonna take the whole squad who have to come together at different points to produce something special," he said on Thursday. "We've to manage pressure well, can we collectively pull together, build partnerships with both and ball?"

One way to manage pressure is to win individual battles, it's here that Root's one on one confrontation with Ashwin will be key. "I won't look to dominate or defend but just try and play the ball that is delivered. If I stay around for a period of time, I will score some big runs," he said. "I've played against him before and scored some runs. It will be a little battle between the Test match.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Karnataka State Financial Corporation under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 18-06-2020 calling upon the borrower-Sri Manjunath Chatter and guarantors – Smt. Sharadha W/o Veeranna Chatter to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.9,63,789/- (Nine Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine only) as on 10-03-2020 within sixty days from the date of the said notice. The above demand notice was duly served to Sri Manjunath Chatter and Smt. Sharadha W/o Veeranna Chatter.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the mortgagor of the following property (owner) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below symbolically in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules on this **01st day of February of the year 2021.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Karnataka State Financial Corporation for an amount of Rs.9,63,789/- (as on 10-03-2020) and further interest thereon and other costs etc.
Description of the immovable property: Free-hold rights of all that piece and parcel of the property residential house situated at Sy. No.53/2 Plot No.27, New Assessment No.4029, Old Assessment No.3242, Ward No.-1, Butti Basaveshwara Nagar, Kushtagi – 583277, Koppal District. measuring 30'X 40' totally 1200 sq.ft. standing in the names of Sri Manjunath Chatter S/o Sangappa Chatter, & Smt. Sharadha W/o Veeranna Chatter, Butti Basaveshwara Nagar, Kushtagi, Koppal District together with building already constructed and to be constructed there on and bounded on the : East by: Plot No.26, West by : Plot No 28, North by: Road, South by : Plot No 23.

Place : Koppal
Date: 01-02-2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Karnataka State Financial Corporation, Koppal Branch

A worker cleans the seating areas on court 3 at Melbourne Park on Thursday, as preparations for the Australian Open were thrown into chaos | AFP

VIRUS, ISOLATION AND COMPLAINTS

The Australian Open has endured a rocky build-up during the pandemic. The event's latest setback saw hundreds of players and officials ordered into isolation after a positive case at a tournament hotel. A look at the issues

Melbourne lockdown

Melbourne became the epicentre of the country's coronavirus "second wave" in July. It forced major sports to relocate away from Melbourne. But Tennis Australia (TA) boss Craig Tiley remained adamant the Oz Open would go ahead.

Three-week delay

The Slam was due to start on January 18, but the country's strict quarantine rules forced Tennis Australia and the Victorian state government to find a workable agreement. There was speculation that it might have to be delayed until March but the Australian Open was moved back three weeks to February 8.

Public backlash

A public furore erupted against the players flown in during the pandemic when thousands of Australians were stranded overseas. The media portrayed Djokovic's request to TA as selfish, while Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews was forced to insist players would not have "special treatment".

Player complaints

There had been a sticking point over allowing players to practise during the 14-day quarantine, but authorities allowed them out of their rooms daily for five-hour blocks of training and treatment. The stricter bio-secure measures led to some resenting the conditions. Novak Djokovic sent a letter to TA that reportedly called for players to be moved into private homes with tennis courts. At least 72 players were barred from leaving their rooms for two weeks.

NEW CASE

Preparations were thrown into further chaos on Wednesday night when it was announced a worker at one the tennis quarantine hotels had tested positive for coronavirus. It forced more than 500 players and officials to get tested and isolate until they received their results, with Thursday's play at the ATP Cup team competition, three WTA events and two ATP tournaments cancelled as a precaution.

Reds stunned by Brighton

AFP @London

LIVERPOOL'S English Premier League title defence suffered a damaging blow as Brighton earned a shock 1-0 win at Anfield, while Manchester City moved three points clear at the top with a 2-0 victory against Burnley on Wednesday.

Jurgen Klopp's side paid the price for a sloppy display as Steven Alzate's second half strike gave struggling Brighton a memorable success at the expense of the injury-hit champions.

Brighton's first away league win against Liverpool since 1982 was secured in the 56th minute when Dan Burn headed a cross towards Alzate and the Colombia midfielder flicked his shot inside the far post.

Liverpool are languishing in fourth place and trail Manchester City by seven points, with the leaders holding a game in hand. The Reds' dismal defeat leaves them in desperate need of three points when in-form City visit Anfield for a clash on Sunday.

Klopp's men had looked back on track after wins at Tottenham and West Ham last week. But Liverpool have now lost successive home league games for the first time since 2012 and haven't won a top-flight match at Anfield in four attempts.

Their sudden collapse on home turf is remarkable given they hadn't lost a home league game since 2017 before Burnley won at Anfield on January 21. "A really tough week, two away games, two very intense games and tonight we looked like we weren't fresh enough mentally and physically," Klopp said.

"A lot of moments where we gave the ball away too easily. In moments the boys looked tired mentally. We didn't look convincing. We make more changes and then we have no rhythm so it's a problem."

Manchester City head into the Liverpool showdown on a club record run of 13 successive victories in all competitions, including nine in the league. With Sergio Aguero and Kevin De Bruyne still sidelined by injuries, City's surge to the top is even more remarkable.

Results: Aston Villa 1 West Ham 3. Burnley 0 Manchester City 2. Fulham 0 Leicester 2. Leeds 1 Everton 2. Liverpool 0 Brighton 1.

Brighton players celebrate their 1-0 win against Liverpool on Wednesday | AFP

Tokyo Games head won't resign after sexist comments

AP @ Tokyo

THE president of the Tokyo Olympic organising committee said Thursday he would not resign despite pressure on him to do so after making derogatory comments earlier in the week about women.

The controversy surrounding Yoshiro Mori, the gaffe-prone former Japanese prime minister, is one more problem the postponed Tokyo Olympics really didn't need as organisers and the IOC try to pull off the games in the midst of a pandemic. They are scheduled to open on July 23.

"I am not thinking to resign," Mori said. "I have been working hard and helped devotedly for seven years. I will not be stepping down."

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said it will not urge Mori to resign, saying his apology was enough. In an online meeting of the Japanese Olympic Committee board of directors earlier in the week, Mori was reported by the daily newspaper Asahi Shimbun as saying women talk too much in meetings. His comments have created a storm in Japan, where women are grossly under-represented in politics and in board rooms.

"The statement made at the Japan Olympic Committee was an inappropriate expression, contrary to the spirit of the Olympics and Paralympics," Mori said. "I am deeply remorseful. I would like to withdraw the statement. I would like to apologise for any unpleasant feelings."

EXPRESS READ

One year for 5 NSFs to adhere to Sports Code

NEW DELHI: All the national sports federations (NSFs), except five, were given six months by the sports ministry to amend their constitutions and adhere to the Sports Code. Federations such as yachting, equestrian, polo, motorsport and Special Olympic Bharat were given additional six months.

NorthEast rally to hold Goa in ISL

VASCO: NorthEast United played out a 2-2 draw against FC Goa in the Indian Super League at the Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco on Thursday. The Gaurs led twice in the game through Alexander Jesuraj and Amarjit Singh but Federico Gallego struck twice to split the points.

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Notice under Rule 9 (1) and Rule 8 (8) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 for sale of immovable secured asset

1) M/s. Turquoise & Gold Apparels Pvt Ltd., Rep by it's Director Mrs. Natasha Mahindra, B-24, KSSIDC Industial Estate, Yelahanka, Banglore-560064, Karnataka. **2) M/s. Turquoise & Gold Apparels Pvt Ltd., Rep by it's Director Ms. Dimple Varma,** B-24, KSSIDC Industial Estate, Yelahanka, Banglore-560064, Karnataka. **3) M/s. Turquoise & Gold Apparels Pvt Ltd., Rep by it's Director Ms. Samara Mahindra,** B-24, KSSIDC Industial Estate, Yelahanka, Banglore-560064, Karnataka. **4) Ms. Natasha Mahindra, D/o. Mr. Suresh Mahindra,** 61, Yelahanka, Survey No.61, Ramagondanahalli Village, Hobli, Banglore Urban, Bangalore-560064, Karnataka. **5) Ms. Natasha Mahindra, D/o. Mr. Suresh Mahindra,** The Gallop Broad Acres Stud Farm, Avalahalli Estate, Yelahanka, Banglore-560064, Karnataka. **6) Mrs. Dimple Varma, D/o. Mr. Arun Varma,** 61, Yelahanka, Survey No.61, Ramagondanahalli Village, Hobli, Banglore Urban, Bangalore-560064, Karnataka. **7) Mrs. Dimple Varma, D/o. Mr. Arun Varma,** The Gallop Broad Acres Stud Farm, Avalahalli Estate, Yelahanka, Banglore-560064, Karnataka. **8) Ms. Samara Mahindra, D/o. Mr. Suresh Mahindra,** 61, Yelahanka, Survey No.61, Ramagondanahalli Village, Hobli, Banglore Urban, Bangalore-560064, Karnataka. **9) Ms. Samara Mahindra, D/o. Mr. Suresh Mahindra,** The Gallop Broad Acres Stud Farm, Avalahalli Estate, Yelahanka, Banglore-560064, Karnataka. **10) Mrs. Betty Mahindra, W/o. Late Mr. Suresh Mahindra,** The Gallop Broad Acres Stud Farm, Avalahalli Estate, Yelahanka, Banglore-560064, Karnataka.
***Subject:** Notice under Rule 9 (1) and Rule 8 (8) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 for sale of immovable secured asset*
Dear Sir/Madam,
The Authorized Officer on behalf of **M/s. Tata Capital Financial Services Limited** (the secured creditor) had issued **Demand Notice dated September 11, 2018** to you with respect to your Loan Against Property **Account No.6639745** under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the "Act"), calling upon you addressees to pay the entire dues within the period stipulated, therein. Since you failed to comply with the said notice within the period stipulated therein, the Authorized Officer has taken the **physical possession** of the immovable property as per the orders of the **CMM Court, Bangalore** (Vide C.MIS No.452/2019 Dt.02-03-2019) bearing All the piece and parcel of land bearing Survey No.61 measuring an extent of 0.20 Guntas, Situated at Ramagondanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, **and bounded on:- East by:** Nagenahalli Muniyappa's Property, **West by:** The Same Sy.No. of the Doddamuniyappa and Byalamma's Property; **North by:** Narayanaswamappa's Property, **South by:** Munivenkatappa's Property (hereinafter referred to as "mortgaged property") under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on 24.04.2019.
Further as per 1st Sale Notice dated 10.08.2019 it was communicated to you that in case the entire amount as demanded in the notice under section 13(2) is not discharge by you, the secured creditor would sell the mortgaged property by a public auction to be conducted on 17.09.2019.
The secured creditor however did not receive any bid with respect to the said first auction conducted on17.09.2019.
Further as per 2nd Sale Notice dated 07.02.2020 it was communicated to you that in case the entire amount as demanded in the notice under section 13(2) is not discharge by you, the secured creditor would sell the mortgaged property by a public **e-auction to be conducted on 24.02.2020.**
The secured creditor however did not receive any bid with respect to the said **Second e-auction conducted on 24.02.2020.**
Further as per Private Treaty Sale Notice dated 26.02.2020 it was communicated to you that in case the entire amount as demanded in the notice under section 13(2) is not discharge by you, the secured creditor would sell the mortgaged property by a private treaty e-auction conducted after 15 days of this notice.
The secured creditor however did not receive any bid with respect to the said private treaty auction. Now, the company has received an offer from a prospective buyer who is willing to purchase the mortgaged property at a total sale consideration of **Rs.85,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Only)** for Schedule Property, by way of a private treaty. The secured creditor after considering the said offer received and also considering the peculiar circumstances of your case on account of huge amount of statutory charges and also the amounts being claimed by the builder/ developer demand is willing to sell the mortgaged property in order to recover its dues. In the light of the above said circumstances the present notice under rule 8(2) of the SARFAESI act is being issued to you, whereby the secured creditor is once again calling upon you to remit a sum of **Rs.2,89,77,616/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighty Nine Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Sixteen Only)** as on 14th October 2019 along with applicable future interest and charges within 15 days of the date of the present notice, failing which the Authorised Officer will be at liberty to proceed for sale of the mortgaged property schedule by way of a private treaty as mentioned above.

Date: 05-02-2021
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Tata Capital Financial Services Limited

GlaxoSmithKline will work with German biopharmaceutical company CureVac to develop new vaccines targeting emerging variants of the novel coronavirus.

Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in Maine has received a grant of almost $900,000 for research into ways that aquaculture of kelp can be used to combat climate change.

This study adds to the growing evidence that many animals are not only passive observers of third-party interactions, but that they also interpret them

Judith Burkart, the paper's senior author and professor of anthropology at UZH

EXFILE • SCIENCE

Like humans, marmosets eavesdrop, are judgmental: Study

Like humans, marmosets — tiny monkeys with Einstein-like ear tufts native to Brazil — eavesdrop on conversations between others, and prefer to approach individuals they view positively, a study in the journal *Science Advances* showed

WHY THIS STUDY IS IMPORTANT

While behavioral research has built up knowledge around the social lives of primates, it has tended to lack reliable ways to determine an individual's "inside perspective," or the inner workings of her or his mind

STUDY DESIGN

A team led by Rahel Brugger at the University of Zurich (UZH) presented 21 captive-born adult marmosets with recordings from a hidden speaker of an opposite sex adult making either food-offering calls or aggressive chatter calls in response to begging infants

As a control, they also played the marmosets calls made by a single individual

Scientists pointed infrared cameras at the marmosets' faces to record nasal temperature -- looking for drops that indicate the monkeys were alert and engaged

RESULTS

The tests found the marmosets only responded to combined and not individual calls, indicating they understood when real conversations were occurring

After playing them the recordings, the team let the marmosets enter a room filled with toys and a mirror

Marmosets don't recognize their own reflection, and so believed that it represented the monkey who made the recorded call

The researchers found that overall, the marmosets preferred to approach when the recordings indicated the individual was helpful

The pint-sized primates are selective in picking friends

IDEAL SPECIES FOR STUDY

Marmosets are an ideal species to study because of their close-knit social structure

15 They live in highly cooperative groups of around 15 family members, with the entire extended clan responsible for rearing children

Source for photos: *AFP*

World's 1st trial on alternating virus vaccines

Scientists start a study to find out if it's OK to mix & match Covid-19 vaccines, which could significantly increase flexibility in distribution

SCIENCE

TOKYO: Oxford University announced on Thursday it will launch a medical trial alternating doses of Covid-19 vaccines created by different manufacturers, the first study of its kind.

The trial will show whether different Covid doses -- those created by the Astrazeneca and Pfizer/BioNTech pharmaceutical companies -- can be used interchangeably to allow greater flexibility in pressured vaccine delivery schedules.

The British government's Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Jonathan Van-Tam, said the trial would offer "greater insight" into the use of vaccines against Covid.

"Given the inevitable challenges of immunising large numbers of the population against Covid-19 and potential global supply constraints, there are definite advantages to having data that could support a more flexible immunisation programme," Van-Tam said.

"It is also even possible that by combining vaccines, the immune response could be enhanced giving even higher antibody levels that last longer," he added.

The 13-month study will compare different combinations of prime and booster doses of the Astrazeneca and Pfizer vaccines at intervals of four and 12 weeks.

Britain, the first western nation to launch its vaccination programme, has bucked the international trend by administering vaccines at an interval of 12 weeks in a bid to give a first dose of the vaccine to more individuals.

Sri Lankan nurses administer vaccines to frontline health workers in Colombo | AP

Professor Matthew Snape from Oxford University called the study "extremely exciting", adding that it would provide "information vital to the roll out of vaccines in the UK and globally".

If the study shows positive results, Britain's independent medicines regulator would formally assess the safety and efficacy of any new vaccination regimen before it is rolled out to patients.

But the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines are "so different that it's really hard to know if that would work," said Alexander Edwards, an associate professor in biomedical technology at Britain's University of Reading.

Breadth of protection

Matthew Snape, the new study's leader at Oxford University, which helped develop the AstraZeneca vaccine, called for British volunteers over age 50 to sign up; scientists are hoping to enroll more than 800 people. If the vaccines can be used interchangeably, "this will greatly increase the flexibility of vaccine delivery," he said in a statement. "(It) could provide clues as to how to increase the breadth of protection against new virus strains."

Disagreements between the UK and the European Union over vaccine supplies have boiled over in recent weeks with Brussels moving to restrict vaccine exports to Northern Ireland on Thursday before the plans were abandoned in a swift U-turn.

In the following days, EU member states and the European Commission have continued to criticise the English-Swedish drugs manufacturer AstraZeneca over slow vaccine delivery and the efficacy of the jab has also been called into question.

On Wednesday, the British government seized on a separate study that said the AstraZeneca vaccine -- which was developed in partnership with Oxford University -- significantly reduces virus transmission and is highly protective after a single dose.

Vultures often fly up to 150 km daily for food

WILDLIFE

AN ongoing study of the behaviour pattern of the critically-endangered vultures has revealed that these large birds often fly around 150 kms in search of food on a daily basis, an official said on Thursday.

This came to light through the analysis of the radio-tracking devices fitted on a few vultures in Madhya Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR), the official said.

"We are studying the behaviour pattern of three radio tracking device-fitted vultures right now. In the process, we came to know that these birds often fly 100 km to 150 km for food daily," PTR director Uttam Kumar Sharma told PTI.

The radio devices were fitted on these birds in November.

GOVTS GUILTY OF SOCIAL MURDER: BMJ EDITOR

HEALTH

PARIS: Politicians around the world must be held accountable for the "social murder" inflicted on populations by their mishandling of the pandemic, the executive editor of the BMJ medical journal said Thursday.

With more than two million deaths from Covid-19 so far -- the majority in richer, developed nations in Europe and the Americas -- Kamran Abbasi argued that world leaders had ensured needless death and suffering through a string of policy missteps.

"Politicians must be held to account by legal and electoral means, indeed by any national and international constitutional means necessary," the British Medical Journal's top editor said. "State failures that led us to 2 million deaths are 'actions' and 'inactions' that should shame us all... At the very least, Covid-19 might be classified as 'social murder'." The term social murder was coined by 19th-century Marxist philosopher Friedrich Engels to describe the systemic killing of workers through neglect by the ruling class.

Abbasi said that governments had repeatedly ignored warnings by their own scientific advisers to implement more stringent restrictions.

GOLDEN BOUNTY

A farmer dries paddy grains after harvest on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar on Thursday | BISWANATH SWAIN

Golden-tongued mummies found near Alexandria

ARCHAEOLOGY

CAIRO: An Egyptian-Dominican archaeological mission working near Alexandria has discovered mummies from around 2,000 years ago bearing golden-tongued amulets, the Egyptian authorities told AFP on Wednesday.

"The mission discovered 16 tombs cut into the rock... in the temple of Taposiris Magna, west of Alexandria" in northern Egypt, the antiquities ministry said in a statement, adding that the burial technique was widespread in the Greek and Roman periods.

The tombs contained several mummies that were "poorly preserved" but bore "gold-leafed amulets in the shape of a tongue". The amulets were placed in the mouths of the dead "to ensure they could speak in the afterlife", according to the ministry.Two of the mummies were of particular interest to the researchers, mission chief Kathleen Martinez was quoted as saying in the statement.

A 2,000-year-old mummy with a gold foil amulet inside his mouth

One had "bandages and parts of cardboard -- layers of glued, stuccoed and painted linen fabric that enveloped the mummy -- decorated with gilding with the effigy of Osiris", the Egyptian god of death and the underworld.

The second bore a "crown decorated with horns and a cobra... as well as a necklace with a pendent in the form of a falcon's head", representing the god Horus, the son of Isis and Osiris, according to the statement. AFP was not able to immediately reach Martinez for comment on Wednesday.

FACT OF THE MATTER

370C storage for open insulin

HEALTH

Opened insulin can be stored for four weeks in warm conditions without losing efficacy, a study said, giving hope to diabetics in hot countries without access to refrigerators. The research by Doctors Without Borders and the University of Geneva showed that a vial of insulin could be stored for four weeks after opening at temperatures fluctuating between 25 and 37 degrees Celsius. The study was published in *PLOS One*. "The current pharmaceutical protocol requires insulin vials to be stored between 2 C and 8 C until opened, after which most human insulin can be stored at 25 C for four weeks," said Philippa Boulle, a MSF official. In some poorer regions of the world with temperatures well above 25 C, diabetics without home refrigerators have to go to hospital for their injections.

Cleaner air heats up Earth

CLIMATE

Singapore has moved a step closer to a driverless public transport network with the launch of a new trial of self-driving buses. Orderly and high-tech, the Asian city-state has become a testbed for self-driving vehicles and has developed home-grown technology while inviting foreign companies to trial their own. In a three-month trial launched this week, passengers can book a bus ride through an app that takes them around Singapore's Science Park, a high-tech business hub, during off-peak hours. The charge is just Sg$0.20 ($0.15). Singapore's first trial of self-driving buses came in 2015, while a trial of driverless road sweepers was launched earlier this year.

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